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## Khaled, Hussein hold meeting

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — King Khaled conferred here Wednesday with King Hussein of Jordan.

The meeting was attended by Crown Prince Faid, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, the King's adviser Dr. Rashad Pharaon, and Saudi Ambassador to Jordan Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Sultan.

Present on the Jordanian side were Prime Minister Mudar Badran, head of the Royal Cabinet Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Court Minister Amer Khammas, King Hussein's Chief Aide-de-Camp and Military Secretary Gen. Muhammad Idris, and Jordanian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Thawar Al-Talhouni.

King Hussein arrived here earlier Wednesday together with his sons Princes Abdullah and Faisal. Talks between the Jordanian monarch and Saudi leaders were expected to cover Middle East developments in the light of the projected peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.



JORDANIAN MONARCH: King Khaled and King Hussein of Jordan on their way to the dinner party which King Khaled gave in honor of the Jordanian monarch who arrived in Riyadh Wednesday for talks. (SPA photo)

The talks were also likely to cover bilateral relations and possible joint efforts to achieve Arab solidarity.

In an earlier development King Hussein Tuesday received a message on the Middle East situation from the Soviet leadership it was

officially announced in Amman. The announcement, by the royal palace, did not elaborate on the message.

## Peace treaty heads for vote in Knesset; approval certain

TEL AVIV, March 21 (Agencies) — The Israeli Knesset (parliament) Wednesday toward endorsing the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, while Prime Minister Menachem Begin invited Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to join him in signing the treaty in Cairo and Jerusalem.

A Begin spokesman said the premier proposed to U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis that after the signing in Washington Monday he would fly to Egypt for a second signing in Cairo and then bring Sadat to Israel to repeat the process.

Begin's move was prompted by a letter to him from Sadat in which Sadat hinted that he would not rule out an exchange of visits, Begin's spokesman said.

The 120-member Knesset was certain to approve the treaty by a 3 to 1 majority, but it fell several hours behind schedule and the final vote could be delayed until Thursday.

Begin planned to leave for the United States Friday to join President Jimmy Carter and Sadat for the signing.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan was to fly to Washington Thursday for talks with Egyptian officials to wrap up the section of the treaty dealing with the sale of Egyptian oil to Israel.

Israelis are said to believe that Egypt's position on oil sales is a test of its intentions toward the Jewish state.

The vote in the Knesset, was seen likely to cause some minor changes in Israel's political lineup

if hawkish opponents of the treaty make good their threat to resign after it is signed.

Wednesday's second day of debate in the Knesset opened with a raucous argument over discrepancies in the treaty text submitted by Begin the day before.

Moshe Shamir, an outspoken critic of the treaty, called for a halt in the debate until the correct version was available.

But Begin said the changes were minimal, and apologized for inaccuracies. "Perhaps I must apologize," he said, "but it's a technical matter."

Without explaining exactly what the errors were, Begin said they cropped up in the military annex to the peace accord.

He said the errors came about because the final draft of the annex was not approved until late Tuesday night and the text of the treaty and its related documents were submitted to the Knesset Tuesday morning.

He promised that the corrected version would be submitted to the Knesset as soon as it was available.

Throughout Wednesday's debate members of the parliament stood up one after another to deliver speeches on the treaty. Many went over the 10 minute time limit and had to be cut off.

About 85 per cent of the 120 members had listed their names for speeches, but for the most part they were delivering predictable remarks.

Opponents of the treaty attacked the plan for limited autonomy for Palestinian residents of

the West Bank and Gaza as "dangers to Israel's security."

Supporters said that peace with Egypt would be a first step toward an overall peace with the rest of the Arab countries.

In addition to the row over the treaty text, another disagreement broke out Wednesday with some Israeli officials reportedly saying that Defense Minister Ezer Weizman should have brought back a better deal from Washington in terms of American financial aid to cover the costs of the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

The U.S. has agreed to pay \$3 billion for this but the officials said that under the deal Weizman negotiated with the Carter administration much of that money would eventually have to be paid back.

Meanwhile Arab states opposed to the proposed treaty Wednesday prepared to turn their opposition into action.

Foreign and Finance ministers from all 22 members of the Arab

League except Egypt are scheduled to begin emergency talks in Baghdad next Tuesday — the day after Egypt and Israel are due to sign their accord.

A main task of the conference will be to implement punitive measures against the Egyptian government, drawn up by an Arab League summit in the Iraqi capital last November.

The comparatively mild sanctions provided for suspending Egypt's membership of the League, removing the organization's headquarters from Cairo and boycotting Egyptian state organs and private firms which deal with Israel.

Opposition to the treaty continued Wednesday.

In Beirut, Prime Minister Salim Hoss said Wednesday Lebanon was committed to Arab solidarity as manifested in the Baghdad summit and its resolutions.

Dr. Hoss was replying to a (Continued on back page)

## Iranian barracks still besieged

## Fierce battles rage in Kurdish town

SANANDAJ, Iran, March 21 (R) — Heavy fighting raged in the streets of this western Kurdish city near the Iraqi border Wednesday as Ayatollah Khomeini sent top religious leaders to the scene to secure peace.

Kurdish rebels surrounding the 28th Iranian Infantry Division barracks exchanged rifle and machinegun fire with the besieged troops for the third consecutive day after another ceasefire attempt broke down.

As the crump of mortar fire occasionally rolled through the town, Kurdish guerrillas in baggy trousers and flowing black-and-white checkered beaded dresses dashed from tree to tree up the main avenue firing rapid automatic bursts toward the garrison.

"It was impossible to calculate the casualties, but Kurdish fighters said 80 of their own men had been killed since the fighting began last Sunday night and that 20 soldiers had died."

"But now that the battle lines have been drawn and the shooting

is almost continuous, no bodies can be collected from the deserted streets."

The "Voice of the Revolution" radio in Tehran said Khomeini's chief religious representative in the capital and other Muslim leaders had been to Sanandaj "to investigate the situation and attend to the demands of the Kurdish people," who have been pressing for autonomy ever since the Shah was overthrown last month.

The radio also repeated a statement by the Armed Forces High Command charging that those attacking the Sanandaj garrison were "counter-revolutionaries," a charge vehemently denied by the Kurdish guerrillas.

In a televised address to mark the beginning of the Persian New Year Wednesday, Khomeini made no reference to the fighting in Kurdistan, but he went out of his way to defend the army.

"We should support our army. We need it," he said. "We cannot

do without it. We should reform and purge it and be careful about new military appointments. It is really necessary to bring in real Muslim patriots."

In Sanandaj, Kurdish guerrillas said four American-built Huey helicopter gunships had fired down on the rebel positions in civilian houses Wednesday morning.

Soldiers holding out in the barracks fired mortars on the town and the sound of light mortar fire could be heard coming from the guerrilla positions.

The Kurds appeared to have secured hillside positions on the other side of the base from which to fire down on the troops.

The base itself was completely surrounded by the guerrillas and the rebels appeared to enjoy complete support inside the town.

Some guerrillas were dressed entirely in white — the traditional color of death and martyrdom in Iran. They scrambled from rooftop to rooftop, dashing through living rooms of private homes with their M-16 rifles while unflustered

residents offered them cups of tea.

Tuesday the government said it had sent reinforcements to fight the guerrillas, who have also taken over the local radio station, gendarmerie and headquarters of the provincial governor-general.

On the way from Tehran Wednesday, there were roadblocks at 80-kilometer intervals, all manned by pro-Khomeini civilian militiamen, except inside Kurdistan where Kurdish guerrillas were in control.

Life appeared normal in the town itself, apart from major guerrilla roadblocks eight kilometers from Sanandaj.

Also Wednesday, reports reaching Tehran said government forces regained control of the Gulf island of Qeshm from an unidentified rebel group.

Qeshm, which lies in the Straits of Hormuz, was taken over by "counter revolutionaries" on Saturday. At least four persons were reported killed and several wounded in the clashes.

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## North Yemen leader reshuffles cabinet

By Farouk Laqman

JEDDAH, March 21 — North Yemen's president has ordered a major cabinet reshuffle in the country's government on the heels of the war with South Yemen.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh announced in Sanaa Tuesday that the Interior, Foreign Affairs and Information Ministers have been replaced.

Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani retains his post, but three deputy premiers have been appointed to assist him.

The reshuffle came a few days after the Arab League arranged a ceasefire in the border war between North and South Yemen, which flared up on Feb. 23.

It also came shortly before a meeting between Saleh and South Yemen President Abdul Fattah Ismail on March 28 at which the two are expected to discuss possible reunification of the countries.

And it occurred while South Yemeni chief of staff Lt. Col. Saleh Abu Bakr Hussein was on his second visit to Sanaa in six days, to make final arrangements for the meeting of the two presidents.

In the reshuffle, veteran Foreign Minister Abdullah Asnag was appointed presidential advisor for political affairs, while Information Minister Muhammad Salem Basindi was dropped.

Saleh appointed former deputy foreign affairs minister Abdullah Al-Amri to replace Asnag. Basindi was replaced by Yahia Hussein Al Arishi, a relative of Vice President Ismail Al Arishi.

Observers said one significant move in the reshuffle was the appointment of Lt. Col. Mujahed Abu Shawarab as deputy premier for internal affairs. Abu Shawarab is related by marriage to Sheikh

Abulhah Ibn Hussein Al Ahmar, paramount chief of the Hashed tribal confederation, North Yemen's largest.

Sheikh Abdullah fielded large groups of his tribal warriors to oppose the South Yemeni advances during the recent fighting. He had been at loggerheads with Saleh over the political role

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## Moroccan premier resigns

RABAT, March 21 (AP) — Prime Minister Ahmad Osman unexpectedly resigned Wednesday after more than six years at the head of the Moroccan government.

An official announcement said King Hassan II "received Prime Minister Osman who presented his resignation and expressed the wish to devote himself to the reorganization of the (government) Party of Independents."

Hassan asked Osman to remain as caretaker prime minister until a new head of government is appointed.

There was no immediate indication whom the king would pick as the next premier but Moroccan sources said they expected the nominee to be "a very forceful personality" who would continue the escalating struggle with Algeria for control of the former Spanish Sahara.

Osman, a quiet intellectual, has at times been accused of a lack of decisiveness in pursuing the war against the Polisario, which has scored some military and political successes in the last two years.



SINAI SETTLERS: Israeli demonstrators opposed to giving the Sinai peninsula back to Egypt at the new settlement they set up in northern Sinai this week. (AP Wirephoto)

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## UAE rulers urged to speed up unity

ABU DHABI, March 21, (R) — An official memorandum Wednesday urged the rulers of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to step up unification measures, including the abolition of state borders created by "colonialism."

It also demanded a unified security organization and the purge of "aliens" from the armed forces which should be placed under a unified command.

The document also seeks a permanent constitution, in place of the existing provisional one, greater federal control over the judiciary, immigration and nationality and the economy, including the creation of a central bank.

It referred to the latest events in

## Sultan meets Fateh representative

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan Wednesday received Fateh representative in Saudi Arabia Shaker Al-Natcha "Abu Shaker."

Talks dealt with the "Palestinian Revolution and the Arab and international situations," an announcement said.

Abu Shaker expressed to the prince his organization's gratitude for the financial and political support extended by the Kingdom to the Palestinian revolution.

Prince Sultan affirmed the continuous readiness of Saudi Arabia to back Arab issues, particularly the Palestinian cause.

He said that by so doing, "Saudi Arabia is fulfilling a religious and national obligation."

Iran and Afghanistan and the wars in the Yemens and in the Horn of Africa, and said the dangers facing the UAE needed the bolstering of the internal front and solidarity among all the executive branches.

The lengthy memorandum, published in the semi-official newspaper "Al-Itihad," was prepared jointly last month by the UAE cabinet and the 40-member Federal Council.

It was submitted to the Supreme Council, composed of the UAE's seven state rulers, when it met Monday for the first time since November 1976.

The council is scheduled to meet again Tuesday to discuss the memorandum.

Abu Dhabi, Bubi, Fujaira, Ajman, Ras Al-Khaima, Sharja and Umm Al-Qaiwain states were created by Britain in 1971 when she pulled out of the strategic region militarily.

But the hastily assembled federation came under increasing strains because of rivalries among the rulers, some of whom resisted submitting to the federal authority working under a provisional constitution.

"When colonialism left our country, it left behind seeds of discord and division in the shape of border problems," the memorandum said.

"Our people refuse this colonialist plot and refuse to be a victim... We demand the abolition of all the borders to uproot the problem," the document said.

It referred to political developments around the Gulf region and said their outcome would certainly reflect on the entire Gulf.

All indications also pointed to more rivalry among the world powers seeking to protect their interests in the oil-rich, strategic region, the memorandum said.

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## Sultan opens health seminar

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan Wednesday opened the first International Medical Conference on artery diseases organized by the Armed Forces Medical Services Department.

The prince said he hoped the conference would be fruitful. Such diseases were on the increase in the Kingdom, as were heart ailments resulting from rheumatic fever.

The kingdom, he said, wanted to develop medical services at the international level and encourage scientific research.

The kingdom, he said, sought cooperation from abroad in improving medical services. Doctors from the Armed Forces Medical Department have worked specialists from California's University of Loma Linda for open heart surgery and St. Thomas Hospital in London for its recent kidney transplants.

Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi hoped that the conference would bring good results, not only for Saudi Arabia but for others.

The two-day conference will discuss latest medical developments toward raising the standard of cardiologists working with the armed forces. The conference is attended by cardiologists from the United States, Britain, West Germany and the Netherlands.

## Sharoura to get 6 mw of power

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi Tuesday commissioned an SR26.57 electricity project to supply the town of Sharoura with 6 megawatts of power.

A Saudi firm won the contract to install the plant, 20 kilometers of high tension cables and 10 kilometers of low tension cables, to supply 1400 households and public facilities. The project will be completed in 14 months.



ENDOWMENTS: The United Arab Emirates delegation listens to addresses at Wednesday's second session of the conference of Islamic endowments and religious affairs in Mecca.

## Through Islamic governments Kingdom urges levy for Jerusalem

MECCA, March 21 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Tuesday proposed that contributions for a fund to assist people and projects in the occupied territories be collected through Muslim governments.

The proposal, made to a special committee formed by the conference of Islamic ministers of endowments and Islamic affairs, covers the new Jerusalem Fund of the Muslim World League.

Saudi Arabia told the ministers that state officials in Muslim countries should be responsible for collecting contributions for the fund.

The conference, which opened here Monday at the league headquarters, in Tuesday's full session praised "the Kingdom's pioneering role in uniting Muslims" particularly under King Faisal. The ministers heard a report on King Faisal's tours of the Muslim world in the late 1960s and his efforts at the Islamic summits at Rabat and Lahore which led to the foundation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Jeddah.

The conference also praised the efforts of the Muslim World League in the propagation of

Islam and lauded its support over the issues of Jerusalem and Palestine.

In addition to the Jerusalem

Committee, the conference Tuesday formed committees on Islamic enlightenment, and mosques and a panel for drafting proposals.

## Parley views computer applications

DHAHRAN, March 21 (SPA) — The Fifth Computer Conference organized by the University of Petroleum and Minerals Wednesday discussed the use of computer in regulating water supplies in Riyadh. Other proposals included computer-based traffic signals, greater computer use in education systems and a role for Arabic in computer language. The three-day conference opened here Thursday.

## Weather units to welcome visitors

JEDDAH, March 21 — The government's Meteorological Department will open its doors to the public Friday to mark the Ninth World Meteorological Day. All weather stations will receive visitors and the General Directorate of Meteorology here will stage a small exhibition of weather maps and tables.

## Islamic science meeting ends

JEDDAH, March 21 (SPA) — The First Islamic Scientific Conference, convened to finalize a position paper to be submitted to the U.N. Conference on Science and Technology for Development in Vienna in August, wound up here Wednesday under Dr. Muhammad Jamjoom, dean of the School of Engineering of King Abdul Aziz University.

## Saudi expert lists fundamental problems

# Radical change in Arab agriculture urged

By Faronk Luqman

JEDDAH, March 21 — Fragmentation of land-holdings, shortage of water and labor and rural migration are fundamental problems hindering Arab agriculture and Arab countries must seek radical solutions, a Saudi farming expert said Wednesday.

Speaking to "Arab News" Wednesday, Dr. Nabil Yahya Abdullah said that unless these problems are overcome the Arab world cannot hope to approach self-sufficiency.

Dr. Nabil, dean of the school of Agriculture at the University of Riyadh said he will discuss these problems during the Second Arab Conference on Food Science and Technology which is due to open on March 31 in Riyadh. It will be attended by over 100 scientists from Saudi Arabia and the Arab world.

Hiring labor from other Arab countries to work here will not solve Saudi problems, he said. "We want to induce an increasing number of Saudis to attend to the land, to farm and improve stock breeding," he said. Lately stock breeding has declined considerably through drought, and poor techniques, marketing and transportation, he said.

Saudi farmers should be helped to mechanize and develop better supplies of water, Dr. Nabil said. This may be done by using drip and sprinkler irrigation systems which are less wasteful than channels. Good results have been recorded in Abu Dhabi, where drip irrigation has produced excellent trees on the 160-kilometer motorway between Abu Dhabi and the Al-Ain oasis, Dr. Nabil said.

For marketing, small Saudi holdings should resort to American-style cooperatives where a central private organization takes care of collection, transporting and marketing produce. A portion of the income is reserved for reinvestment and to help farmers buy seed and equipment, thus providing greater financial assistance to individual farmers.

Because of better techniques, American farmers produce one egg a day for every man, woman

and child in the United States. The Third World as a whole produces one egg every two weeks for each citizen, Dr. Nabil said.

Papers on the manufacture of food, a strategy to develop Arab agricultural technology and Arab

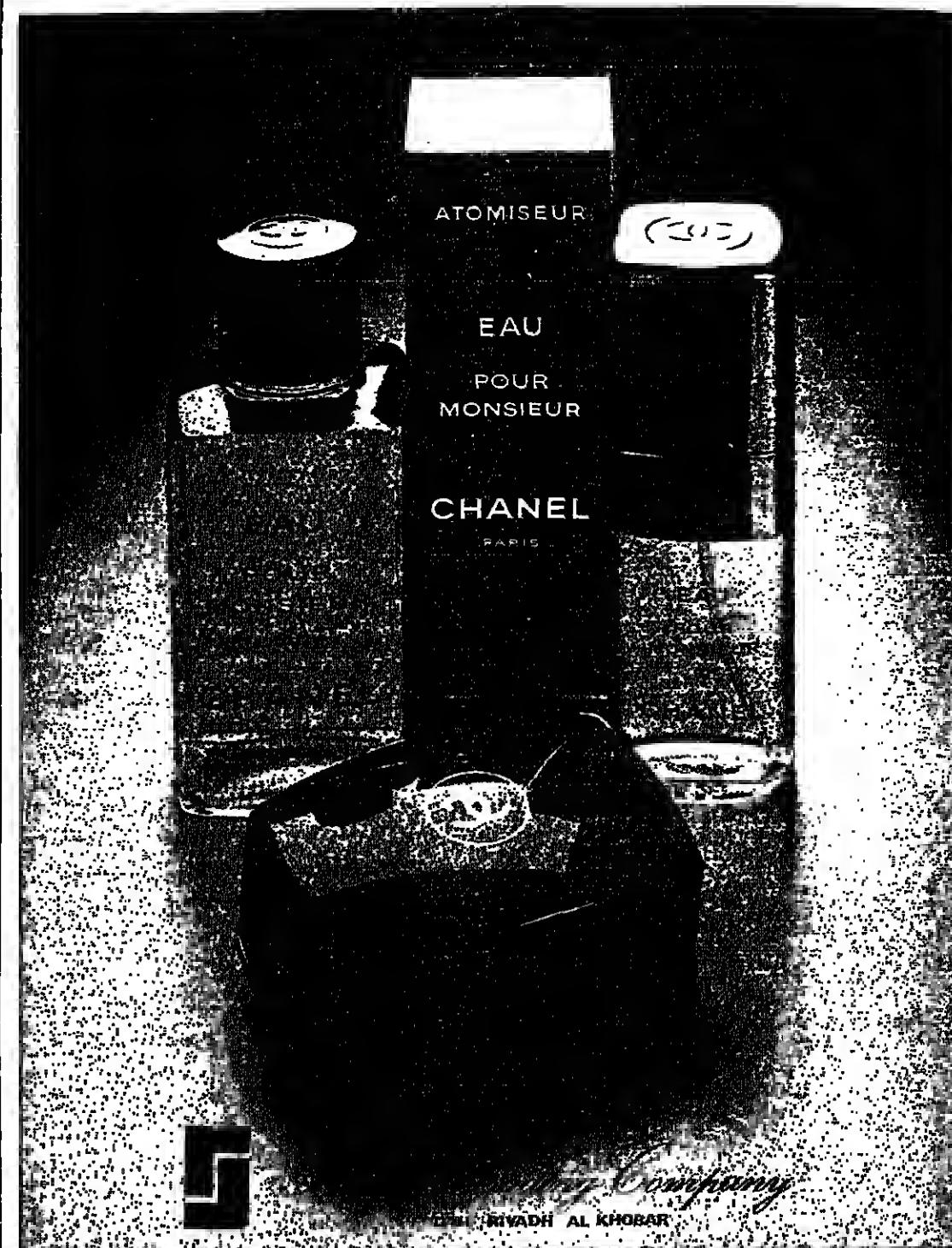
agricultural integration, will be read at the conference.

Gulf fertilizers

SPA adds: Gulf Fertilizer companies met at the Saudi Arabian Fertilizers Corporation

(SAFCO), here Wednesday for their 10th conference.

The conference discussed the services and production of fertilizer companies during the past year and financial reports for the current fiscal year.



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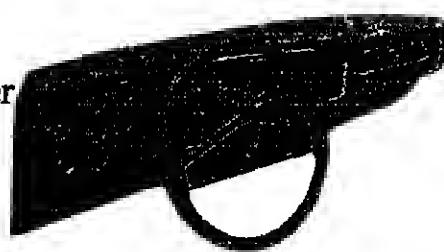
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## Afghan dissident reports fighting in eight regions

ISLAMABAD, March 21 (AP) — A dissident Afghan Islamic leader Wednesday claimed that fighting against the troops of President Nur Muhammad Taraki is going on in eight provinces, and demanded military assistance from Western and Arab countries and Pakistan, to defeat the Marxist government in Kabul.

Professor Sibghatullah Mujaddadi, chairman of the National Liberation Front — a grouping of Muslim dissidents fighting against the Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan — told a press conference here Wednesday "fierce fighting is going on in five provinces of Afghanistan, including Paktia, Kunhar, Nuristan, Rozgan and Mazari Sharif, while isolated incidents are taking place in three other provinces, including Nangarhar, Laghman and Badakhshan."

He said in some of the areas the government troops are so hard pressed that the Kabul government has cancelled the usual three-day Afghan new year — nowruz — holiday, March 21-23.

Also present at the news conference was Muhammad Musa Tarzeta, secretary general of the National Liberation Front (NLF) which was formed in May, 1978, four weeks after the Soviet-backed Taraki government seized power by defeating the then president Muhammad Daoud. Several smaller Islamic groupings, which want to oust Taraki government, have merged into the NLF.

The Soviet Union for the second time this week accused Pakistan of helping rebellious Afghans fighting to overthrow the leftist regime.

Pakistan has denied the accusation and did so again on Tuesday. "The Russians also said the United States, China, Britain, West Germany, Egypt and some other Arab countries were increasing anti-Afghan propaganda, as part of a common plan to encourage elements opposed to Taraki."

The charges came in an article in the Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" signed by Alexei Petrov, a pseudonym indicating it originated high in the government. A similar article appeared Monday.

Western diplomatic sources in Moscow said these commentaries indicated the Kremlin was concerned about the challenge facing Taraki.

The Soviet Union quickly recognized the new regime, more than doubled the amount of advisers and technicians in the country and signed a treaty of friendship and cooperation with Taraki last Dec. 5.

"Pravda" said reactionary elements of the clergy operating particularly in Pakistan, were playing a major role in an effort to restore the monarchy in Afghanistan.

"These forces are trying to exploit the religious sentiments of the Afghans and the fact that there are many believers who are prepared to obey almost blindly the orders of the mullahs," the paper claimed.

The article reported clashes between rebels from Pakistan and government troops in Kunar Province and a sally by Peking-backed elements into the district center of Fahir.

## Arafat holds talks with Algerian leader

ALGIERS, March 21 (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had talks in Algiers Tuesday night with President Chadli Bendjedid, who told him that Algeria "will remain forever on the side of the Palestinian people," the official Algerian news agency APS reported.

APS added that Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), was accompanied by his close aides Abu Iyad and Abu Hatem.

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FAVORITE TARGET: Tehran youths testing their marksmanship by shooting at the prime revolutionary target, members of the Iranian royal family on display on a newspaper. (AP Wirephoto)

## Carter's assistant denies peace treaty orchestration

WASHINGTON, March 21 (R) — Presidential aide Hamilton Jordan says there was no truth to suggestions that President Jimmy Carter was already assured of success before he left on his recent trip to salvage an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Answering reporters' questions at a National Press Club luncheon Tuesday, the president's special assistant said that at one point during Carter's visit to Israel last week, his delegation concluded that the mission had failed and they might as well go home.

Despite a "glimmer of hope" that midnight from U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Jordan said, "we left Israel uncertain as to what Israel's position would be, uncertain as to what the Egyptian position would be."

The charge that we orchestrated a gloomy Monday night (March 12) is absurd — Monday night things were gloomy," he added, referring to the last full day Carter spent in Israel.

Jordan's reference to charges of orchestration appeared to refer to a dispute which flared up around his colleague, Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell, during the Middle East trip.

After a briefing from Powell that Monday night, a number of reporters wrote stories giving gloomy assessments of the presi-

dent's initiative, which had been widely portrayed at the outset as a major political gamble.

Although Powell told reporters at the briefing that a breakthrough could still occur despite

## Israelis, militias shell South Lebanon camps

BEIRUT, March 21 (R) — Rightist militias and Israelis Wednesday shelled Palestinian refugee camps near the South Lebanese port of Tyre, a spokesman for the Palestinians and their leftist allies said.

He said the attack was on Rashidiyeh and Burj Al-Shemali camps and nearby areas but he made no mention of casualties or damage.

Meanwhile, the right-wing Phalangist radio said Tuesday night that a powerful car bomb was detected before it was due to go off near the Phalangist main headquarters in East Beirut.

It said the car contained about 80 kilograms of TNT set to be detonated by wireless Monday night.

The attempt was aimed against Bashir Gemayel, commander of the "Lebanese (rightist) Forces," who normally took the road where the car was parked,

the pessimism felt at the time, he was accused by some of accentuating the negative to make eventual agreement on a treaty appear as a dramatic breakthrough, and thereby enhance Carter's image.

It identified the owner of the car as a man from Zghorta, native town of former President Suleiman Franjich.

The Phalangists were accused last year of staging an attack on Zghorta in which former President Franjich's son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, together with about 30 other persons, were killed.

A Phalangist spokesman declined to accuse any specific group of planting the car bomb.

"Lebanon's enemies are numerous and we do not wish to make any accusations without definite proof," he told reporters.

There was no official account of the incident.

## Ecevit defends gas price hikes

ANKARA, March 21 (AP) — Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit is defending his government's steep hikes in prices of gasoline and other basic goods, saying they are necessary to curb inflation, stabilize the economy, and increase production of state-owned companies.

However, Ecevit also said price increases alone would not be enough to "revitalize" the economy and would have to be supplemented by other measures.

The Turkish government has already raised prices for petroleum products, coal, cement, sugar, and iron and steel by 20 to 100 per cent. All of the goods are produced by state enterprises that have suffered heavy losses in recent years.

Further measures in Ecevit's "economic rescue plan" will be announced "part by part" beginning Wednesday, the premier said.

Ecevit said cutbacks in petroleum use had become imperative because at current consumption rates the nation's oil bill would be \$2.2 billion this year, or the same as total export earnings in 1978.

However, the premier conceded that additional measures would be needed to curb petroleum use. Informed sources said the economic package includes restrictions on private car use and heating of buildings with fuel oil.

## Anti-treaty strike urged

DAMASCUS, March 21 (R) — Workers throughout the Arab world have been urged by the Damascus-based Federation of Arab Workers Unions to strike on March 30 in protest against the proposed Egypt-Israel peace treaty.

The federation Tuesday also called on trade unions in a statement to join anti-treaty demonstrations planned in Arab capitals Wednesday.



CAIRO WELCOME: President Anwar Sadat shakes hands with Chip Carter, the president's son, as Gen. David Jones, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher wait to greet the Egyptian leader. The U.S. delegation, headed by Zbigniew Brzezinski, was returning to Washington after visits to Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

## Turkey, Pakistan plan to bolster trade pact

ANKARA, March 21 (Agencies) — Turkey and Pakistan have announced they were considering expansion of the Regional Cooperation for Development (RCD), an economic alliance in which Iran is also a member.

Agha Shahi, foreign affairs adviser to the Pakistani military government and here on a two-day visit, told reporters Tuesday Pakistan favored expanding and strengthening the RCD. Turkey Foreign Minister Gunduz Okun supported this view, saying that revitalization and strengthening of the pact was deemed necessary by Turkey.

Shahi's visit came in the wake of Pakistani and Iranian decisions to pull out of Cetera, a U.S.-backed joint defense alliance, and Turkey's subsequent call for the dissolution of the military pact. Britain is also a member in Cetera and the United States an associate member.

Okun said plans for improving the RCD could be realized through bilateral and multilateral contacts.

There was no official word on what new countries would be asked to join the partnership in any expansion scheme.

In London meanwhile, British Defense Secretary Fred Mulley told parliament Tuesday Cetera must be considered to be at an end in view of the decision of Turkey, Iran and Pakistan to withdraw from it.

"The exercises which had already been arranged for the remainder of the year will not, therefore, take place," he said.

Mulley told questioners concerned about the situation in the Gulf following the collapse of the alliance that Britain would consider with its allies how it might continue to contribute to the stability of the region.

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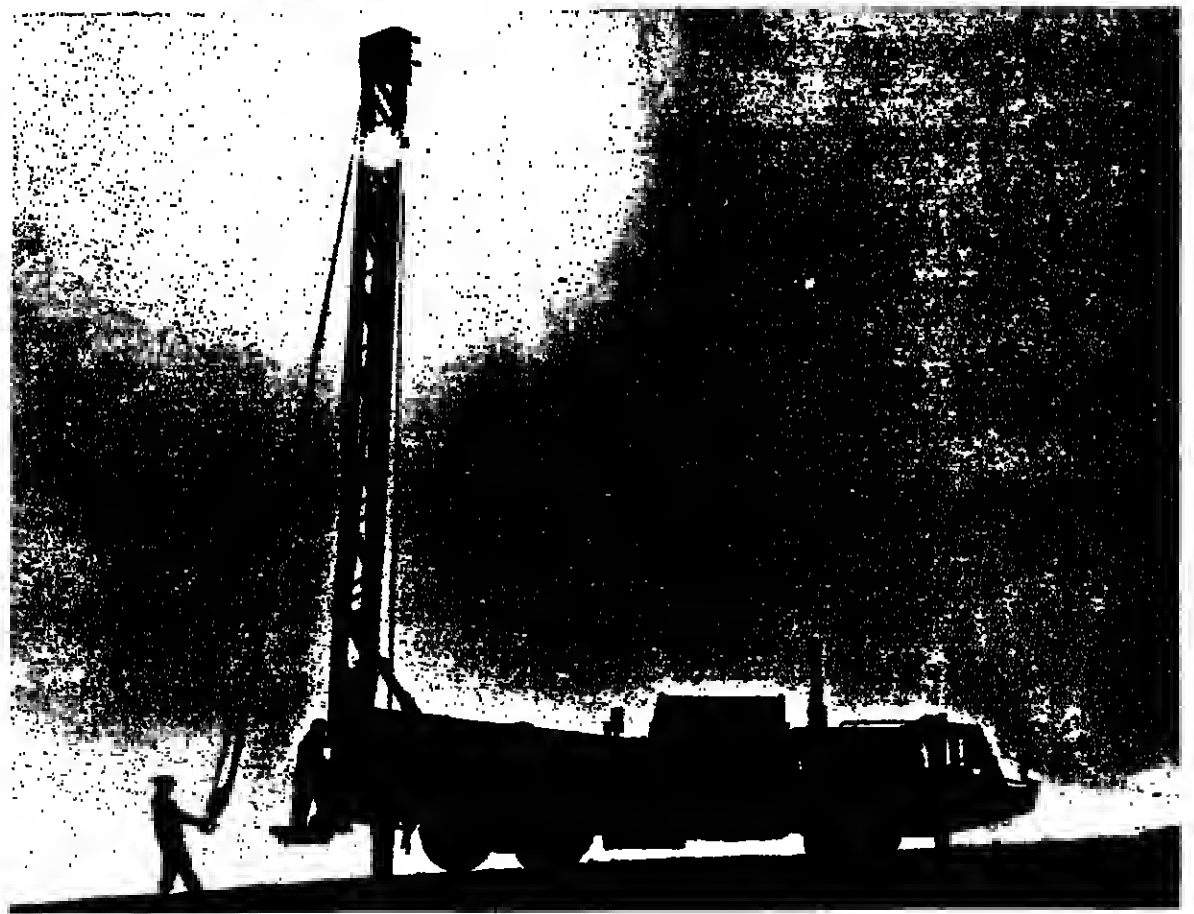
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But apparently not for long

## Andreotti government takes office

ROME, March 21 (AP) — President Sandro Pertini swore in Giulio Andreotti's new minority coalition government Wednesday amid predictions — it will have a short life.

Andreotti, the mild-mannered Christian Democrat who has been caretaker premier since Jan. 31, put together a minority government of his Christian Democrats and two small moderate parties, the Republicans and the Social Democrats.

Ugo la Malfa, the 75-year-old leader of the Republican party who failed in an effort to form a

government in February, was named deputy premier and budget minister. The education and public works posts were given to the Republicans, while the Social Democrats got four cabinet seats.

Andreotti retained most of the key ministers from his previous Christian Democrat government, including Foreign Minister Arnaldo Forlani, Defence Minister Attilio Ruffini, Treasury Minister Arnaldo Padoa-Schioppa and Health Minister Tina Anselmi, the only woman among 20 men in the cabinet.

But the cabinet, Andreotti's

fifth and Italy's 37th since World War II, is regarded as fragile at best and another crisis could well develop soon, possibly as early as next week.

The first test will come in 10 days, when Andreotti must ask for a vote of confidence from the Chamber of Deputies.

The coalition partners control only 290 seats in the 630-member chamber and, in order to survive, the new government must enlist support, or at least benign neglect in the form of abstention, on key votes from the Communists, the second largest party with 228

seats, or the third-ranking Socialists with 57 seats.

A defeat on the confidence vote would almost certainly lead to the dissolution of parliament and to national elections two years ahead of schedule.

In his first reaction, Bettino Craxi, secretary of the Socialist Party, called the new lineup "uninspiring."

Craxi has said he favors an early election, possibly to coincide with the June 10 election for the European Parliament.

But Christian Democrat Party chief Benigno Zaccagnini said he was "hopeful" that "a new bond of cooperation" can be established with the Socialists.

The Communists, who precipitated the latest crisis by demanding cabinet seats for Communists or pro-Communist "independents," have promised to return to active opposition. But they have not indicated how they will vote on the confidence motion.

As Andreotti was unveiling his new cabinet, a leading journalist was shot and killed in Rome in what police sources described as a "political assassination."

The bullet-riddled body of Mino Pecorelli, the 51-year-old editor of the right-wing weekly "OP," was found in his car half-way between his office and home near the Vatican.



FRANKFURT: Prince Philip is shown the house where Johann Wolfgang Goethe grew up. The curator, Dr. Jurgen Behrens, explains the kitchen. (AP photo)

### At Moscow airport Saturday

## 90 said killed in Soviet crash

MOSCOW, March 21 (AP) — Ninety persons died in the weekend crash of a Soviet Aeroflot Tu-104 jet near Moscow's Vnukovo Airport, informed Western sources say.

They said the plane, with a capacity of 100 passengers, crashed while taking off Saturday night on a flight to Odessa.

The news agency Tass issued a statement Sunday, 24 hours after the crash, saying there were

casualties but giving no figure on the number dead and injured. The press does not report air crashes and other disasters unless foreigners are involved or they take place near major cities.

The sources said from the scant information available from Soviet contacts it appeared there were some foreigners aboard, an African, a Middle Easterner and a Latin American. They could provide no further details.

The Tass statement was unclear about whether the aircraft was taking off or landing when the crash took place.

But according to some informants an engine caught fire immediately after the plane left Vnukovo and the pilot was making an emergency landing. He completed a turn and was heading toward the runway when he lost altitude and crashed.

Other sources said they had heard the plane had a power failure after takeoff.

The Aeroflot schedule listed a flight 1703 Saturday night leaving Vnukovo for Odessa at 2045. (1745 GMT).

It was about this time that foreigners who live along a road leading to the airport reported about 15 fire engines passed their building.

Soviet police later closed the road. Vnukovo Airport was closed all day Sunday.

Asked about details of the crash Tuesday, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said a committee was investigating.

### Of former U.S. citizen

## 3 1/2-year German atrocity trial ends

DUSSELDORF, March 21 (AP) — The prosecution in what may be West Germany's last major war crimes trial has asked the court to acquit four of the 13 defendants on trial for murdering concentration camp inmates.

State Attorney Dieter Ambach told the court that no witnesses during the 3 1/2 year trial had provided first-hand testimony Heinrich Schmidt, 66, Rosa Suss, 58,

Charlotte Mayer, 61, or Hermine Bottcher, 60, were involved in the murders of inmates at the Maidanek camp near Lublin, Poland.

The 13 defendants were guards or administrators at the Madanek camp, where some 250,000 men, women and children died between 1941 and 1944.

The defendants include Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan, a former New York City housewife strip-

ped of her American citizenship and deported to West Germany for the trial.

Verdicts are not expected before the end of May.

The trial may be the last major war crimes proceeding in this country since the Statute of Limitations on Nazi murders expires at the end of this year. After that defendants can be brought to trial only if warrants were sworn out against them before Dec. 31, 1979.

West Germany's parliament is scheduled to debate legislation which would extend the statute.

The whole question of extending the Statute of Limitations has fired considerable controversy in West Germany and across Europe, and it has been reported that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is in favor of waiving its expiry.

The controversy has been stimulated by the many accused Nazi war criminals who have evaded trial by pleading ill-health, postponing each hearing.

There are allegations that it is too easy for a criminal to escape justice — allegations given some credence by Holland's allowing Pieter Menten, an accused criminal, to go free last year on the grounds that he had been granted immunity by The Hague in the 1950s.

### Darmstadt bank robbers

## thought Baader-Meinhof

DARMSTADT, March 21 (AP) — Three robbers who took 49,000 marks (about \$ 27,000) from a Darmstadt bank are thought to be prime suspects in the 1977 kidnap and slaying of industrialist Hauns-Martin Schleyer, officials say.

The city prosecutor's office said Tuesday the three who robbed that bank Monday were thought to have been Christian Klar, Silke Maier-Witt and Adele Schulz, among Europe's most-sought terrorist suspects.

All three are believed to be members of the notorious Baader-Meinhof gang, responsible for the wave of terrorist killings and

attacks which climaxed with the October 1977 killing of Schleyer and the triple jailhouse suicides of three of the group's charter members.

Police said the three, armed with .45-caliber pistols, entered a branch of the Bank fur Gemeinwirtschaft before noon.

One of the three shot and wounded a 60-year-old customer, police said.

Klar, Schulz and Maier-Witt have been seen several times since Schleyer's body was stuffed in the trunk of a car in Mulhouse, France some six weeks after he was kidnapped. They have eluded police.

## IRA leaders reported arrested

BELFAST, March 21 (AP) — Armed Special Branch policemen have arrested three men and a woman suspected of being IRA commanders in what sources described as a "major intelligence operation."

Police confirmed the four were arrested Tuesday in two cars on the main Belfast to Dublin highway.

Police declined to give any other details of what qualified sources said would be a major blow to the IRA's "Provisional" wing if the four are convicted.

The sources identified the three men as prominent Republican leaders Brian Keenan, Martin McGuinness and Joe Deary, all high on the most-wanted list.

The four were apparently taken under guard to Belfast's Castlereagh interrogation center.

(A British judicial committee reported last week that detectives beat terrorist suspects there during interrogation.)

They can be held for 48 hours without charge and then for another seven days under emergency anti-terrorist legislation if Northern Ireland Secretary Roy Mason orders it.

The police swoop followed attacks on British troops and reports the Provisional IRA is planning to unleash a new bombing in Northern Ireland and possibly a blitz in English cities during a general election widely tipped for the next few weeks.

## Miss New York contest ends in bitter argument

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — The state attorney general is investigating charges of deception and favoritism made by seven unsuccessful contestants in last week's Miss New York State-Miss Universe beauty contest.

The women, from the New York metropolitan area, filed complaints with the consumer frauds bureau about entrance fees and judging in the contest, according to the office.

The seven entrants, all finalists, said they had paid a \$250 entry fee for a preliminary local contest and were later told they would have to

pay an additional \$500 fee for the statewide competition.

They said they had not received promised publicity and that judges were unqualified to evaluate the 154 contestants.

Judges only spent 90 seconds, rather than the planned five minutes, interviewing each contestant, they claimed.

Mary Friz of Rochester won. She will represent New York State at the Miss USA contest April 30. The winner of that will represent the United States in the Miss Universe competition in Australia this summer.

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## German mercenaries said hired

## Murders linked to Pretoria scandal

JOHANNESBURG, March 21 (AP) — Justice Minister J.G. Kruger said Tuesday police are investigating allegations that German mercenaries were hired to murder prominent South African financier Robert Smit and his wife 16 months ago.

Kruger's comment came shortly after a statement by lawyer John Ludorf that a client of his had given the names of the two men and said they had each been paid \$30,000 (about \$35,000) for the murders.

Ludorf said his client also tied the double-killing to South Africa's slush fund scandal involving the spending of millions of dollars of government funds on secret projects.

The matter is being investigated and when the investigation is complete a report will be made, Kruger said in Cape Town.

Criminal Investigation Chief Gen. J.F. Kleinhaus confirmed that police had received a statement from a client of Ludorf.

South African Police Commissioner Gen. Mike Geldenhuys named the client as 62-year-old former mercenary Sidney Excell and said he had fought for Katangian Premier Moise Tshombe.

He said Excell had told police he received the information about the killings from a Mr. Fortuin, a former mercenary in hiding on South Africa's south coast.

But Gen. Geldenhuys said police tracked down Fortuin and quoted him as saying that he was on holiday — not in hiding — and the story was nonsense.

Ludorf said he still believed Excell despite the denial by Gen. Geldenhuys.

They beat me to Fortuin and I told them that this is what Fortuin

would say if they approached him," Ludorf said.

"I disagree with the general. I have dealt with generals in my career as a judge and I am not impressed. He could be an appeal court judge and he would still be wrong."

Ludorf said Excell had been a pilot for South African Airways, but this was denied by the airline.

Dr. Robert Smit and his wife, Jeanne, were shot and stabbed to death in November, 1977, while he was campaigning for a seat in parliament. Smit had previously represented South Africa before the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and was well-known in financial circles.

There have been widespread but unsubstantiated reports in the national press that Smit was investigating illegal currency dealings connected with millions of dollars in secret government funds.

In a statement released late Tuesday night, Prime Minister Pieter Botha said there was no connection between the Smit slayings and evidence to be placed before a government commission investigating the scandal. The evidence concerns prior knowledge by his cabinet of the state's involvement in the now defunct Department of Information's irregularities.

"An inference that there is a connection between the two would be totally wrong," a spokesman for the office of the prime minister said.

The spokesman added that Botha wanted to warn newspapers not to make such an inference.

The killings caused a sensation in South Africa but despite intensive investigations no one has been charged in connection with the double murder and police have given no indication of the direction of their inquiries.

Ludorf said his client would testify before the judicial commission headed by Judge Rudolf Erasmus.

The main figure in the slush fund scandal, Eschel Rhoodie who is the fugitive former director of information, said he will give evidence on British television and he believes it will bring down the South African government by showing that its top officials, including President John Vorster, were party to the clandestine propaganda campaign.

The scandal has also reached the United States. "The Rand Daily Mail" reported that President Jimmy Carter's campaign organization received \$1,000 in 1976 from the New York firm Sydney Baron, publicists for South Africa, and that Sen. Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) got \$300. It said these donations were filed with the Justice Department.

## Pilots group issues call for stricter hijack policy

AMSTERDAM, March 21 (AP) — The International Federation of Airline Pilots (IFALPA) is going to demand strict anti-terrorist measures at airports throughout the world.

F.H. van Vianen, an official of the Dutch pilots organization, said IFALPA's annual meeting in Amsterdam resolved Tuesday to call for planes to be checked thoroughly both inside and outside before takeoff.

"We are thinking for instance of explosives which might have been planted," he said. Such checks on aircraft cabins and exteriors would have to be carried out by local security officers, he said.

The call by the 400 pilots attending the six-day conference will be reviewed at the next annual meeting which could decide to boycott countries where such controls are not enforced, van Vianen said.

"There is no question of immediate action being taken by the IFALPA, but this is our aim and we will look at what action has been taken," van Vianen said. He said the latest safety demand supplemented a resolution passed at IFALPA's last annual meeting which called for a general improvement in airport security.

The conference also instructed IFALPA's president to press governments to adhere to the anti-hijacking agreement reached at last July's seven-nation summit in Bonn.

Under this accord, air services to states which refused to extradite air pirates or put them on trial would be stopped. The summit was attended by the leaders of the U.S., West Germany, Japan,

## Space shuttle makes smooth test journey

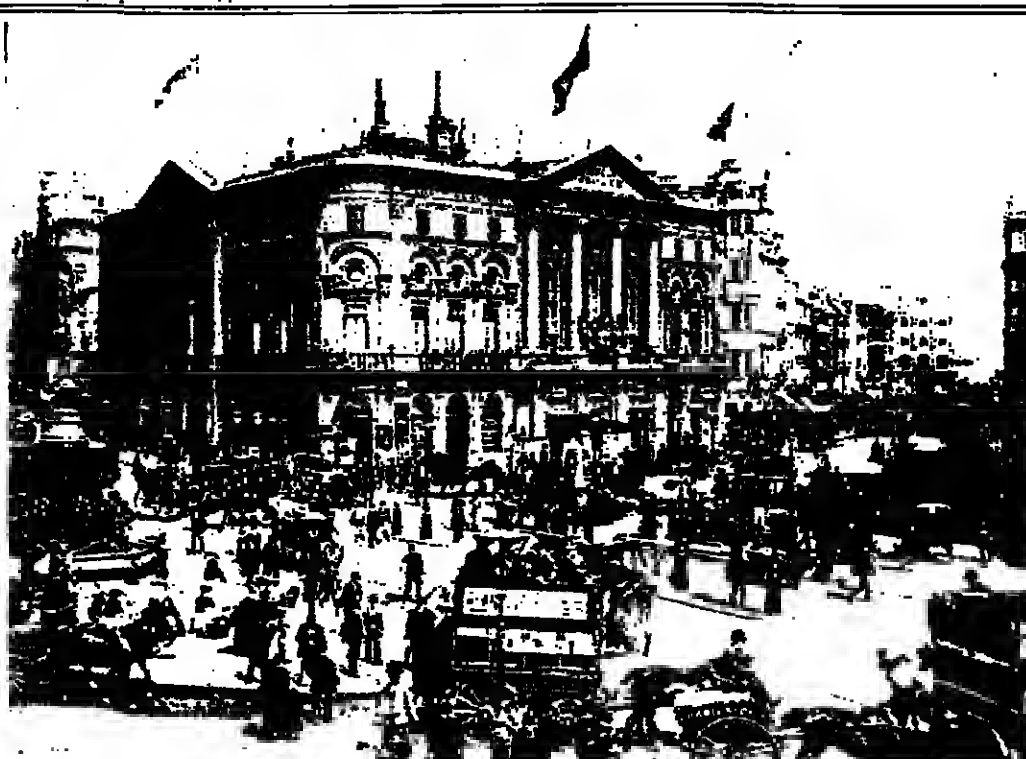
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. March 21 (AP) — The space shuttle Columbia flew a smooth test flight Tuesday in what National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials called "marginal weather conditions."

NASA said the Columbia's long-delayed cross country flight to its eventual launch site at Cape Canaveral, Florida, would depend on weather between here and Biggs Field in El Paso, Texas, the first stop on the shuttle's continental journey.

NASA had said earlier that weather was not right for the longer flight.

The Columbia, affixed atop a 747 jet, began moving down the runway at 6:30 a.m. this morning, NASA said. During the 50-minute flight "everything looked solid."

The \$500 million shuttle and the Boeing 747 flew a variety of patterns at 13,000 feet, he said. At the end of the flight, pilots in trailing chase planes said that there had been no apparent loss of the protective tiles that had given project engineers trouble before.



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## Republicans ponder powers

## Peanut probe draws GOP fire

WASHINGTON, March 21 (R) — Republican politicians say they are not satisfied with the appointment of a special counsel to investigate alleged irregularities in President Jimmy Carter's family peanut business.

Attorney General Griffin Bell Tuesday named Paul Curran, a New York lawyer active in Republican politics, to head the probe started by the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

But the Republicans, who had earlier demanded a Watergate-

style special prosecutor — an attorney independent of the Justice Department — to take charge of the probe, said the department did not go far enough.

"The parallel with Watergate is inescapable," said Senate Republican leader Howard Baker of Tennessee. He was speaking after a special meeting of nearly all 41 Republicans in the 100-seat senate demanded that Bell name a powerful special prosecutor.

"It is not proper for the administration to be dragged kicking and screaming into this investigation," Baker told a press conference.

Baker said Curran was qualified but lacked the powers a special prosecutor would have.

"He is a good man, but for the wrong job," Baker said.

Curran's powers as special counsel to the Justice Department fall short of the broader authority enjoyed by the Watergate special prosecutors.

Curran must get Justice Department approval of any decision to take a case to court.

White House Spokesman Jody Powell said Carter was confident the investigation would prove that there was no criminal act or wrongdoing on his part.

Records from the Carter family peanut warehouse in Plains, Ga. have been subpoenaed in connection with the Justice Department's investigation of the financial activities of Bert Lance, a close friend of Carter and once his budget director.

The investigation has checked a \$7 million line of credit extended to the Carter business by the National Bank of Georgia when Lance was the bank's president in 1975 and 1976.

FBI agents are said to have discovered evidence of technical violations of banking laws involving the handling of the peanuts used as collateral for the loans, according to published reports.

The president has a 63 per cent share in the Carter family business. His brother Billy owns 15 per cent. Their mother, Lillian Carter, owns the remaining 22 per cent.

## New York talks on Namibia progress

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — International mediators have reported progress in their efforts to break a deadlock over a disputed United Nations plan for leading the South African colony of Namibia to independence.

The Western-led mediation effort is aimed at ending an impasse between South Africa and the territory's main black nationalist guerrilla group over terms of proposed un-supervised elections in Namibia before the end of the year.

Canadian Minister for External Affairs Donald Jamieson said Tuesday he was "quite encouraged with the nature and the tone" of the talks Tuesday morning.

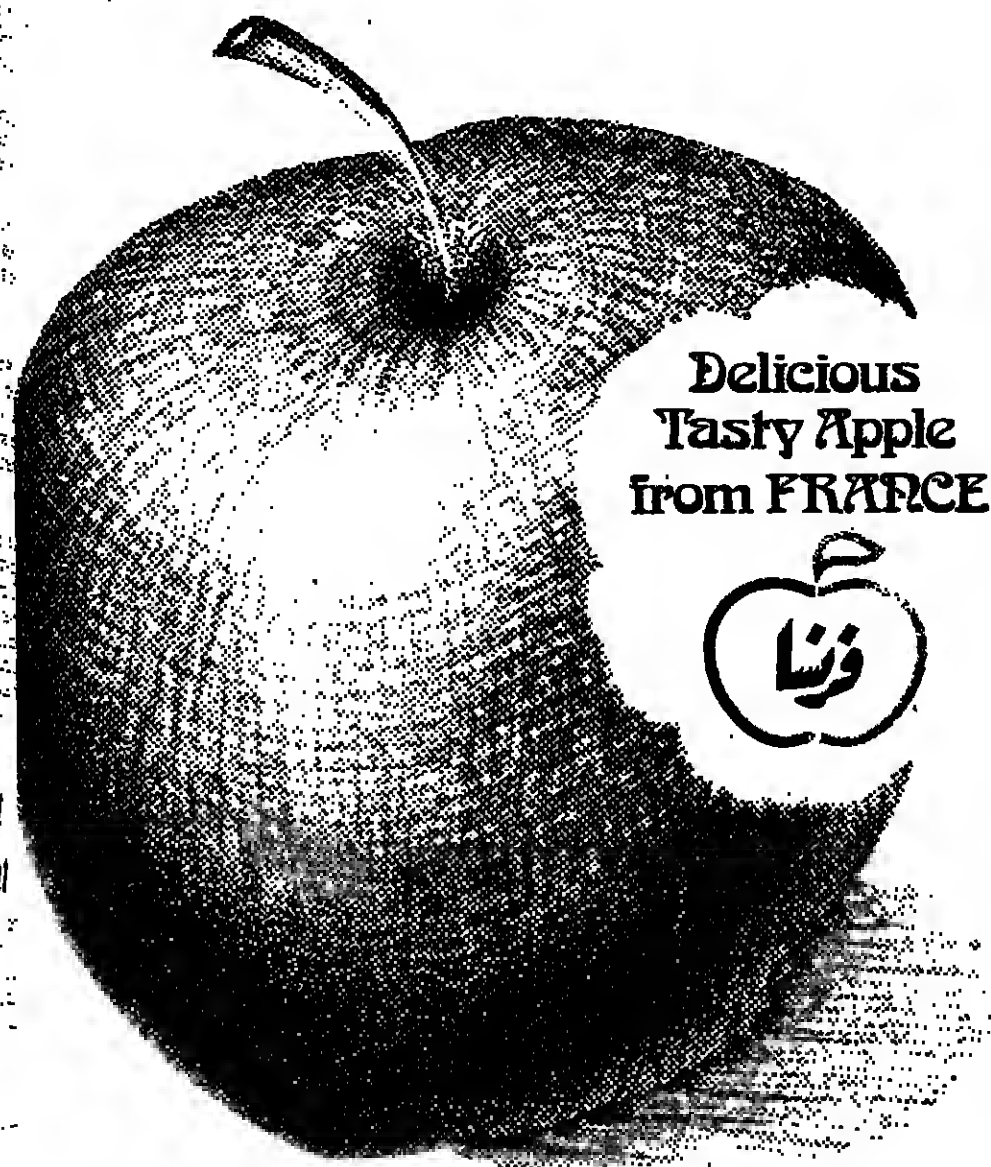
South African Foreign Minister Roelof Botha met the representatives of the five Western powers for almost three hours and was scheduled to leave for home Tuesday night.

But South African and other spokesmen said Botha's decision to depart before a final agreement was reached should not be interpreted as a set back. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who is heading the American delegation, refused to characterize the talks.

South Africa's main objection to the U.N. plan is the absence of any provision for monitoring guerrilla bases in Angola and Zambia, which are maintained by the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

According to a South African spokesman, the five Western mediators proposed the installation of monitoring devices along the border between Angola and Namibia to help keep track of guerrilla troop movements during the election process.

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In a moment of touching generosity, Mr. Menahem Begin has offered full autonomy for the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza — but not for the territories.

Even by his own shameful standards, Mr. Begin has achieved a new low that is saddening and regrettable — but not surprising.

The whole affair is too reminiscent of his infamous interpretation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 on withdrawal from occupied territories when the Israeli leader, in his wisdom, chose to understand that "withdrawal from occupied territories" actually meant partial withdrawal against the stated views of the author of the resolution and those who voted on it. Begin and the Israeli government are entitled to any interpretation they choose, but the U.S. administration, although not publicly, effectively went along with that interpretation.

It seems that in its efforts to keep Begin at the negotiating game, the U.S. government was willing to grant him leeway for irrational actions that border on delinquency. It is sincerely hoped that this time the American administration will look beyond its domestic interests, and act as the honest peace broker it has declared itself to be.

It is ironic that Begin, at the opening session of the Knesset debate of the proposed peace treaty with Egypt, should ask his colleagues to "look to the future." Perhaps the call is better suited to the prime minister himself who has displayed an amazing inability to look beyond the biblical age.

In retrospect, it would appear natural for Arab countries to shy away from the peace package now being marketed, not only because of its glaring omissions and pitfalls, but because of the genuine feeling that the Israeli government under Begin cannot be expected to honor its fundamental commitments.

The Middle East conflict has been fueled as much by lack of faith in the adversary, as by his injustice. And Arab apprehensions continue to be nurtured by Israel's elusive tactics and lopsided logic.

To Begin and his benefactors, we can only say: Look to the future.

## Winners and losers

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON — There will be winners and losers among American industries and various regions of the country if trade "liberalization" is one of the not accomplished of the multilateral trade agreement to be taken up by Congress.

The uneven distribution of the benefits is a main theme of a new congressional budget office background paper, released recently to help Congress in its consideration of the trade treaty.

The paper also makes the point that despite the attention given the Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN), pursued in Geneva, many of the most serious trade problems facing the United States are not part of that negotiation. These include increasing government intervention in trade matters, and the growing trend toward "bilateralism" — such as the two-way trade deals between Mexico and France, and Mexico and Japan.

It suggested that "only the most blatant" forms of government intervention can be modified by international agreement, and the "more subtle and complex" forms of intervention will continue.

The report, by C.R. Neu and Emory Simon of the CBO staff, also noted that there is little U.S. technology, a source of bitter complaint by American labor unions. With few exceptions, the report says, U.S. technology is available in other rich nations, who could transfer it even if the United States tried to bar its export.

"The trade negotiations in Geneva are proceeding in an environment that is decreasingly favorable to liberalized trade," the report said. Yet, Congress, because it will only have the opportunity to vote the treaty up

or down, will have little chance to alter the formal terms of the agreement.

While some consumers and producers should benefit greatly from freer trade arrangements, "some businesses will be forced to close and some workers will lose their jobs because of increased foreign competition," the report said.

Biggest potential U.S. industrial losers: textiles, footwear, other leather products, pottery, food utensils, steel products, radio and TV, and jewelry. These industries are relatively labor intensive, or use simple, well-known technologies.

The winners: industries producing tobacco products, semi-conductors, computing machines, office machines, mechanized measuring devices, electronic components, aircraft, and aircraft equipment. These industries employ new or sophisticated technology. The U.S. agriculture industry also stands to benefit, especially if American negotiators win reduction of non-tariff barriers in Europe and Japan.

Job layoffs will be borne disproportionately by semi-skilled and minority workers — an impact that will be especially noticeable in the textile industry where minorities made up 23 per cent of the labor force and 65 per cent are women. Unless some provision is made for dislocated workers, the report says, Congress is not likely to approve the treaty. The present "adjustment program" is termed inadequate.

Geographically, the urban areas of the north and east would be hit hardest, especially in Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Newly created jobs would be concentrated in the south, mid-western and western areas of the U.S., with the best gains in the farming areas of Kansas, Minnesota and the Dakotas. (WP)



## Palestinian autonomy timebomb

By Marcus Ebraon

TEL AVIV — A timebomb is ticking in the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. It is called Palestinian autonomy, and Israel, Egypt and the United States have a year — perhaps less — to defuse it.

The Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, for whom the idea of autonomous self-rule was devised say they don't want it, and the 1,300 Israeli families in about 50 fortified, wire-ringed settlements in the West Bank have vowed to fight it.

The Palestinians complain that it will not lead to Palestinian statehood. The Israelis complain that it will.

Israel and Egypt agree on the autonomy principle but not on the details. The parties are to negotiate the issue starting one month after the treaty is signed. They have set a target date for completion of one year later.

The Palestinians and Jordan refuse to join the negotiations. They suspect autonomy will deepen and legitimize Israel's nearly 12-year-old occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The crisp spring air of the West Bank has been crackling with tension since U.S. President Jimmy Carter came to the Middle East to wrap up the peace treaty. There have been at least three clashes between Israeli settlers and Arabs on the West Bank in the past fortnight.

"No Arab can accept autonomy," says Karim Khalaf, mayor of Ramallah, 10 kilometers north

of Jerusalem, where most of the Palestinian unrest has surfaced. "What will be our nationality? Our rights, our sovereignty? I think the Israelis intend to give us the right to collect garbage and exterminate mosquitoes."

Israel's initial proposals on autonomy, still subject to approval by the cabinet, confirm the Arabs' worst fears.

They speak of Israel controlling security, land ownership and water resources, increasing Jewish settlement and exempting the settlers from laws made by autonomous Palestinians.

The 700,000 Palestinians of the West Bank and 400,000 in Gaza would not have their own flag or currency.

American diplomats have been trying to convince the Arabs that these proposals can be negotiated. Deputy Premier Yigal Yadin says the proposals make Israel look as though it were trying to sabotage the autonomy "and that's not so. We want the autonomy."

To the settlers, even these proposals are too generous. Although few in number, they have elated through their National Religious Party, senior partner in Prime Minister Menahem Begin's ruling coalition. They could withdraw and bring down the government.

The settlers and the NRP regard the West Bank as part of the "promised land" and are committed to quit any government that relinquishes control of it.

"The autonomy Jews can accept

is unacceptable to the Arabs, and the autonomy the Arabs can accept is unacceptable to the Jews," says settler Gershon Shafat.

Until now, the Jews have left the army to deal with Palestinian demonstrators. The latest clashes signal more tension, and the military government is so concerned that it wants to confiscate the settlers' weapons.

Transport Minister Haim Landau, a hawkish opponent of autonomy, fears that once Egypt discovers Israel's vision of autonomy is nothing like what Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had in mind, it will renege on some treaty obligations.

The United States, reckons one Western diplomat, will have to exert "a lot of pressure" even if it means the collapse of Begin's government. Some analysts believe Begin misunderstood Sadat's determination to get statehood for the Palestinians. When Begin first proposed autonomy, says one analyst, "he thought Sadat wanted a fig leaf to cover his abandonment of the Palestinian cause."

Then there is this question: once autonomous, will the West Bank and Gaza be free to admit the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians now living abroad as refugees?

Israel says they can return conditional on Israeli "desires." But a Palestinian student observes: "If autonomy means we can't even let our brothers come home unless Israel says O.K., then autonomy really will mean nothing." (AP)

## saudi press review

"Al-Jazirah" said that "it was not surprising to hear Premier Begin talk the way he did yesterday on withdrawal to the borders of June 1967, the future of the Palestinians and Jerusalem. There was nothing particularly new about his declarations but it is high time the Arabs paid Israel in its own currency by preparing to use force."

"We should be prepared to use force for a long time to come and with ever increasing ferocity. The Arab world is called upon today to give serious consideration to the formation of a new political, economic, cultural and military strategy which would convert every Arab resource into a gun, a tank or a modern bomber."

"Every Arab should become a commando. It should be a long and continuous war until the occupied land of Palestine is turned into a blazing inferno."

"We should open several fronts against the enemy and allow the

Palestinian resistance to attack the enemy and pave the way for the Arab armies to cross into the West Bank and the Golan Heights."

"It would be necessary to extend the resistance deep inside the occupied lands and turn the country into one unmitigated hell for the enemy until life for him becomes untenable," the paper concluded.

During the seven months that followed the Camp David Accords, and the final version of the proposed treaty between Egypt and Israel, nothing of substance emerged," according to "Al-Nadwa."

"The period in question was exploited by Israel to divert the talks to a few side issues which had nothing to do with the substance of the problem. Even the question of linkage between the peace treaty and the future of the occupied lands was allowed to fade into insignificance. It was left to Egypt and Israel to decide the future of

the Palestinians without consultation with the people most intimately concerned — the Palestinians themselves. And yesterday Begin again reiterated his stand which denies Palestinian rights, excludes the future of Jerusalem from any kind of discussion and rejects the principle of withdrawal to the June 1967 borders. His declarations a few days before signing the agreement are intended to leave the impression that any further discussion of the future of the occupied lands is out of the question."

"Begin coupled his declaration with the announcement of a new Jewish settlement in El Anish."

"The talks between Egypt and Israel under American auspices," the paper concluded, "are the apogee of defiance of the Arab will, rights, future, and struggle. They serve nothing but Zionist designs and expansionism at the expense of the Arab people."

## Tug of war for Thailand

By Brian Eads

BANGKOK. — Charges from Phnom Penh and Hanoi that Thailand is collaborating in the re-supply of Khmer Rouge resistance forces in Cambodia have increased the danger of Thailand's being sucked into the Indochina conflict.

The danger lies in the fact that the charges are substantially true, though with some important qualifications which Phnom Penh and Hanoi might find difficult to understand.

Reliable eyewitnesses have given me details of three trucks, each capable of carrying five tons of weapons, travelling from Bangkok to the Cambodian border. Their destination was a small village called Kok Sabang a few miles south of the town of Aranyaprathet. The area is now "restricted" and troops there say they are engaged in "top secret work."

Diplomatic sources in Bangkok say that in all nine trucks are believed to have made the journey, carrying small arms ammunition, mines and anti-tank rockets. The arms are said to have been shipped from China into Bangkok port.

But while the government has chosen to turn a blind eye, there is no evidence of direct involvement.

At one end the traffic might be arranged by Sino-Thai businessmen with longstanding Peking connections, at the other by elements in the armed forces, who have always tended to make their own policy in border areas. For them the Khmer Rouge now fulfil the role of "buffer" between Thailand and Vietnamese forces in Cambodia. Such "buffers" are Thailand's traditional first line of defense.

Ordered societies like Vietnam find it difficult to swallow, as evidenced by the sternness of their

reaction. Talk of "regrettable sequences" and policy "conform to the aspirations of the Thai people" has an ominous ring.

So far Thai annoyance towards senior Vice-Prem Deng Xiaoping Cambodia's Prince Noron Sihanouk, who announced, equivocally that the traffic going on in a brazen attempt to undermine Thailand's neutrality.

The question now is how Thailand can regain the balance. It can prevent most, if not movement of arms to the Khmer Rouge through Thailand. Khmer Rouge resistance will not collapse as a result.

A less palatable prospect is the Soviet Union will seek to gain capital from the situation. Russians will press for considerable concessions in return "restraining" their friends Phnom Penh and Hanoi, thus upping the stakes in the tug of war for Thailand. (OPNS)

## Is Ethiopia Communist?

ADDIS ABABA — By David Ottaway

Overlooking Revolution Square at the foot of this mountainous city are two enormous portraits of Marx and Lenin, the new patron saints of this ancient African empire now deep in revolution and looking to the East for inspiration.

Pictures of Marx, Lenin and Castro adorn the walls of government offices, public places, schools and private homes where once hung the stern face of Emperor Haile Selassie, deposed and imprisoned in the first months of the revolution 4 1/2 years ago.

The bookstores and corner kiosks are filled with the collected works of all the chief Communist theoreticians, selling for 35 cents to a dollar per volume.

Giant billboards show factory workers or peasants breaking their chains in the style of Socialist realism — leaning forward with one leg and one arm stretching skyward.

Whenever a parade is held, half the flags are red and bear the Communist emblem of a hammer and sickle with a star above it. The other half are still the green, yellow and red of Ethiopia. But they seem lost in the sea of red banner, bandanas and bunting.

To all outward appearances, Ethiopia is well on the way to becoming a Communist state. Its new military leader, Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile-Mariam, has become the first African leader to state bluntly that this is his government's aim.

"Our goal is Socialism and Communism," he said in a speech Sept. 12 marking the fourth anniversary of the late emperor's downfall. At his side sat Cuban President Fidel Castro, the first Communist leader to come to Mengistu's aid and to understand the potential for the Ethiopian revolution to evolve like Cuba's own.

But is Ethiopia, a once feudal empire with a 2,000-year-old independent history, really going Communist? What does this mean, anyway, in an African country with such a strong nationalist and Coptic tradition and a peasant-based society long impervious or violently hostile to attempts by various foreign powers to influence it?

Ethiopians as well as Westerners and Easterners are asking these questions with no certain answers and a keen awareness that past Soviet attempts to make Communists out of Arabs and Africans have ended in a series of disasters — Egypt, Sudan, Guinea and Somalia.

On the same subject "Al-Bilad" asked: "What right has Begin to declare that Jerusalem belongs to Israel by virtue of the Israeli law of 1967 which followed the annexation of the holy city? Or do Israeli laws transcend international law and conventions?"

"We know nothing of the sort," the paper said "except in the jungle."

This we believe is a serious challenge not only to the Arabs but to the world at large.

"At the same time Israel is getting all the military and economic aid it wants — certainly not to make peace but to make war and gain more land and usurp more rights." The paper appealed to Arab leaders to unite and save the people and the land from the Israelis. If we are not fully prepared, Israel might suddenly strike against the eastern and northern fronts."

In view of what Begin has said, "Al-Riyadh" debated the wisdom of any peace treaty with Israel. It said that Begin's declarations "signify the loss of Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza Strip, the Palestinian entity ... So why should anybody bother to go to Washing-

Even \$1 billion worth of Soviet arms and eight years of Marxist indoctrination did not supplant nationalism and Islam as the driving forces in neighboring Somalia. Can the Soviets and Cubans override similar forces here?

Some longtime Western residents dismiss the blitz of Marxist propaganda as an Ethiopian ploy to gain Soviet backing in hot pursuit of strictly nationalist interests. In their view, Ethiopia found itself threatened in 1977 with disintegration as Eritrean and Somali rebels as well as old-regime loyalists took over almost half the country.

In this view, the new military government, lacking U.S. support had to turn to the Soviets and Cubans for massive military assistance.

Ethiopia, remarked one old-timer, "is neither pro-East nor pro-West. The present propaganda is all facade. They are paying for their Soviet arms with words. But behind the scenes they are not Communist. They are just Ethiopians."

Whether this is a naive view or profound insight only time will verify. For the moment, even the country's new true believers say Ethiopia has a long way to go before it is really a Socialist, let alone a Communist state.

According to the new regime's Marxist ideologists, Ethiopia is still at the stage of a "national democratic revolution" similar to what China went through just before and after the Communists seized power in 1949.

"At this point, we are only a Socialist-oriented revolution," said the director of the revolution's ideological school here. It is in charge of indoctrinating top officials of the government, army and labor union with the Marxist-Leninist creed.

So far, 8,000 Ethiopians have passed through the one- or three-month program at a former home of the royal family.

The courses include study of the writings of Marx, Lenin and Engels, the application of Scientific Socialism, the experience of successful Socialist countries and of some unsuccessful ones, like Chile, and the history of the three Communist international as well as techniques of building a Communist party.

The school gives no attention to other Socialist experiences in Africa. The result is that Ethiopian ideologists think, analyze and talk as if Ethiopia were Russia or China just after the Communist parties there took power.

The military government hopes that from the school's graduates cadres will emerge to organize and

staff the party for the work class that is supposed eventually lead the revolution. Right now the army is still in charge, a many outsiders here doubt whether it will ever hand over power to a civilian-dominated party.

The heavy dose of Marxist Leninism has spread from the capital deep into the countryside. Ti cubbyhole bookstore in Goba, dusty market town in southern Ethiopia, now carries nothing but Marxist and Soviet literature aside from one Regis Debn book on revolution in Latin America.

At the headquarters of the All-Ethiopian Peasants' Association in Debre Zeit, 25 miles south of Addis Ababa, a chart of the Soviet system of government — plastered on the wall for reassurance.

Whether this concentration attempt to indoctrinate Ethiopians with a Communist nationalism and international outlook is penetrating below the surface is difficult to judge.

Many students, intellectuals and young civil servants seen taken by it and talk in the Marxist lingo with ease if not always with complete understanding. But the older, Western-educated generation, many technocrats, traders and businessmen remain exceedingly skeptical.

Meanwhile, church sources report increasing attendance at both mosques and churches and point to this as evidence that Ethiopian society is not digesting the new Marxist doctrine.

The great silent majority are the peasants — 90 per cent of Ethiopia's 30 million population. They have been organized into associations, armed to defend their "gains" from the revolution and enrolled by the tens of thousands into a militia to go fight Eritrean and Somali guerrillas.

Their zeal and nationalist spirit have been proven on the battlefield. But the peasants have yet to evidence any clear appreciation of Marxism. In fact, their "individualism" and "petty bourgeois tendencies" are being castigated daily by Mengistu as a major stumbling block on the road to Socialism.

Some Ethiopians feel that whether Ethiopia will ultimately go Communist depends heavily on the Eastern Bloc's ability to meet the crucial need for massive economic and financial assistance.

This, they point out, is precisely where the Soviets and their allies have fallen down in the past in Africa and may again prove the Achilles' Heel of their offensive.

peaceful framework is there to work on? It is inconceivable that we should sell a whole Arab nation for a few grains of sand," the paper concluded.



Passenger to cabbie: Let's agree on the fare right here. Okaz



## New Orleans specialty: Creole cooking

**By Clare Kent**  
In the Spring, "way down yonder" in New Orleans it is time for the Mardi Gras. The season of the Carnival.

All year round, traditional jazz fans can drink their fill of music at such places as Preservation Hall and other haunts of jazz musicians.

For the gourmet there are other attractions in New Orleans. The food is wonderful — especially the Creole cooking.

Creole cooking grew up from the mixture of French, Spanish, Indian and African people who settled in New Orleans and the surrounding plantations and swamplands of Louisiana. Delighted with the abundance of fine food such as shell fish, exotic fruits and vegetables, they created marvellous dishes that owe a little to each culture. These dishes have survived.

In New Orleans there are superb restaurants where they serve these fabulous dishes. There are simple coffee houses where you can drink coffee or hot chocolate and eat the delicious light feathery cakes.

New Orleans is far away. However, it is possible to recreate some of the simpler Creole dishes here.

**Shrimp Creole**  
2 medium onions  
6 oz. shelled shrimps (or prawns)

Pinch of cayenne pepper  
Salt and black pepper  
1 crushed garlic clove  
2 bay leaves  
1 tsp. thyme  
2 tsp. chopped parsley  
1½ oz. flour  
1 fl. oz. oil  
1 oz. butter  
2 tbsp. grape juice  
1 finely chopped, seeded chili  
2 oz. diced green pimiento  
5 fl. oz. cream  
2 fl. oz. sour cream  
2 tbsp. sliced mushrooms  
1 tsp. tomato concentrate

Heat the oil with the butter and fry the sliced onion and crushed garlic until tender. Add the mushrooms and flour, stir and cook for two minutes. Work in the juice, chile, pimiento, tomato concen-

trate, cayenne, seasoning and herbs. Stir over moderate heat until rather dry. Stir in shrimps, then add cream stirring all the time, finally add sour cream and stir in well. Remove from heat and serve immediately with Creole rice pilaf.

**Creole Rice Pilaf**  
6½ oz. rice  
2 pints white stock  
3 tbsp. oil  
Black pepper  
1 tsp. salt  
1 crushed clove garlic  
2 oz. flaked almonds

Heat the oil in large frying pan. Add rice and turn over moderate heat until rice is completely yellowed. Work in salt, black pepper, garlic and almonds. Stir in a little stock and stir until rice has absorbed. Continue adding stock and stirring until all the stock is used and the rice is cooked. Turn onto heated dish and pour Shrimp Creole over it.

**Ambrosia**  
6 sweet oranges  
5 oz. sifted icing sugar  
Half a fresh coconut (dried coconut may be used)

Twist a wire around a medium coconut after punching the eye holes and pouring off the milk. Tap wire all round and halves will fall apart. Crack off remaining shell. Pare away the brown outer skin and grate coconut coarsely.

Peel oranges, slice thinly in rounds and remove all pips. In a bowl, place a layer of orange slices, sprinkle with sugar then with a layer of coconut. Repeat until all the orange is used. Dust thickly with extra icing sugar, chill thoroughly for a minimum of three hours. Serve icily cold after a rich main course to refresh the palate!

**Tot Frit**  
3 eggs  
4 oz. castor sugar  
2 oz. sifted self-raising flour  
1 tsp. milk  
Finely grated rind and strained juice from one lemon.

Whip the yolks alone until very pale. Whip in the sugar until whole



is a very pale foam. Scatter on the flour very lightly and work in gently. Draw in milk until smooth. Then lightly draw in lemon rind and juice. Whip egg whites until very stiff. Fold into mixture. Spoon onto oiled and floured bun tins and bake for twelve minutes at 380 F. in the middle of the oven. Invert on to a cooling rack. When

cold dust thickly with sifted icing sugar. Serve with coffee or hot chocolate.

**Chocolate à la Creole**  
1 tbsp. castor sugar  
1 pint boiling milk  
5 oz. cooking chocolate  
Place coarsely grated chocolate in a bowl set over an outer pan

containing boiling water. Allow to melt over a very low heat. Beat well with a wooden spoon, then beat in the boiling milk. When all is completely blended, add the sugar and allow to boil up once more. Pour into cups rinsed with hot water and top with swirls of whipped cream. Hand extra sugar for individual tastes.

## Winds of change

**By Katharine Whitehorn**

**LONDON** — When Spock the baby doctor and a bunch of British female trade unionists start agreeing about something as way out as fathers participating in childcare, there must be something in the wind. Not that the good doctor was actually at the Women's Trade Union Congress held in the English seaside town of Folkestone recently; but while all the world knows he has shifted mightily from his original stance on motherhood, it's not been so evident that the women of England were moving the same way. But here they were, saying loudly that either parent should be able to cope with baby.

"It's amazing how it's changed," marvelled one delegate. "They're passing things they wouldn't have touched five years ago — asking for factory canteens, wanting protection for part-time workers; even asking for 'positive discrimination'."

They also approved pensions for widowers; "My mother always worked," said one delegate, "and she was an old-time feminist who took a mean pleasure in the fact that my father wouldn't get a penny pension from her. But I don't — it's me that'll have to support him."

The conference was held (owing to double bookings) in a dingy little theater on the windswept seaford; it was painted a gloomy red, was freezing cold most of the time and a spider let itself down into the face of one of the platform party. Yet the mood was fiery and futuristic. Woman after woman came up to the rostrum to plead for the things the women want: tough old biddies from the industrial North; carefully-articulating lecturers; a doctor with red ringlets and a wide smile; a girl with a face like a madonna denouncing "capitalist paternalism."

Women's groups in Britain can be very fuddy-duddy, they can be nothing much more than an outing for the faithful, a set of assembled grey heads meeting to agree. But this was something else again; and it's interesting because the tone of the whole thing marks a switch in the way all-women institutions in Britain are being looked on nowadays.

Time was when women's seats on the General Council of the Trades Union Congress and special women's advisory councils were thought to be a degrading

sop to those who could never be expected to make it in straight competition with men. And until a few years ago, it was all the more advanced labor unions who wanted to abolish this Women's TUC altogether, get rid of the two seats the women have on the TUC General Council, sweeping away any special provision. Not now.

They've seen what happened in the health service when some jobs stopped being for women only —

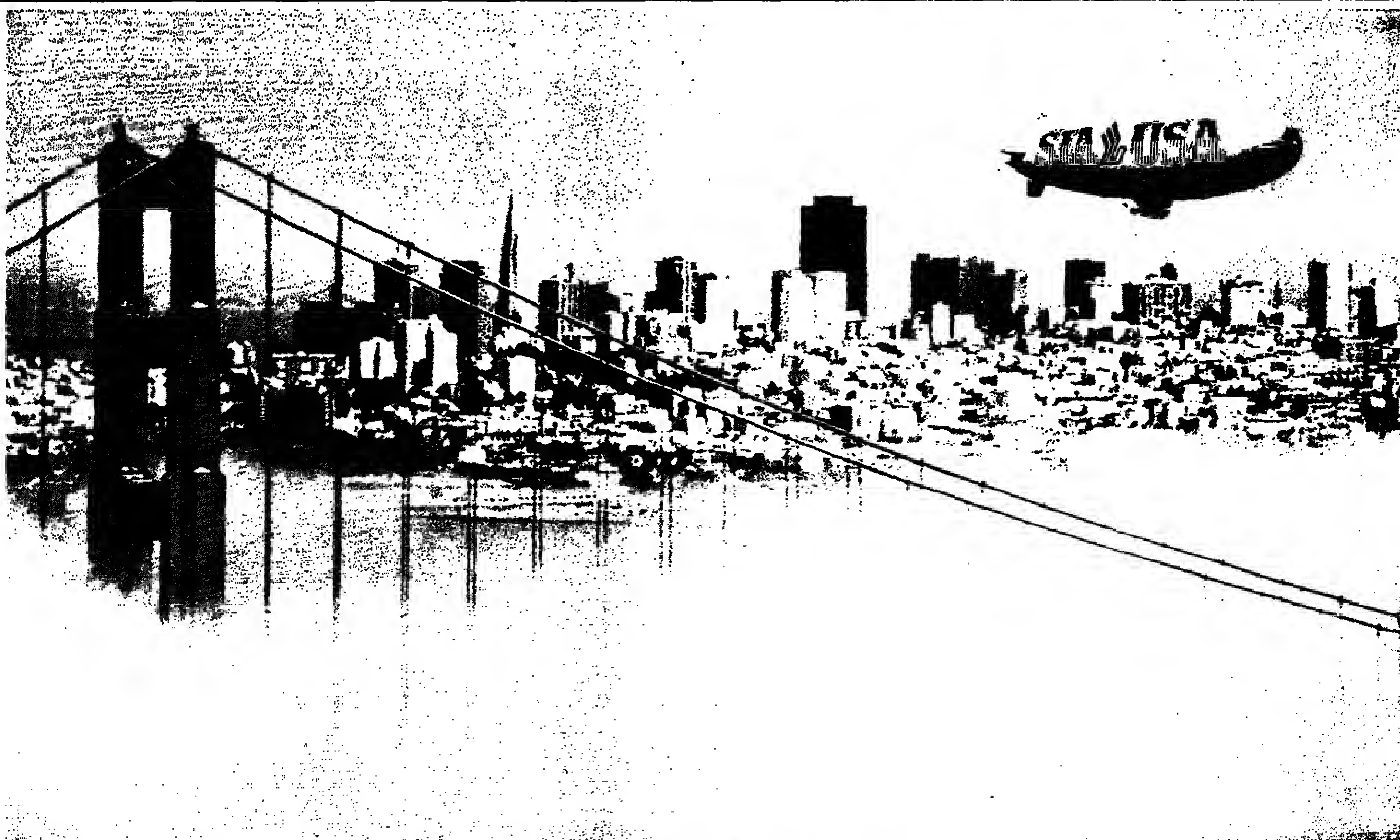
the men instantly took over. They've noticed that Vassar may be admitting men, but that the higher ranks at Harvard are not exactly cluttered with females. They want more women active in unions — at the moment, there are only 71 full-time female officials compared to 2,259 men.

The wind of change is blowing harder now; and the poor fellows will find it is too late to take shelter. (OSS)

## KIOSK

A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom

**JEDDAH**  
Saturday, March 24  
Hejaz Choral Society meeting. PCS, Room 5, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 24 — Tuesday, March 27  
Business Equipment Show, 5-10 p.m. at the Jeddah Expo Center. For businessmen only. (Open to public Wednesday, March 28 — Friday, March 30).  
Saturday, March 24 — Thursday, March 29  
Tickets on sale for the Jeddah Light Opera Society performance of "HMS Pinafore." 4-6 p.m. at the British embassy. Performance dates: April 9, 10, 11 and 12. Tickets SR 25, children SR 15.  
Sunday, March 25 — Monday, March 26  
Masao Hino, a Japanese musician, will demonstrate the Yamaha Electronic Organ in the King Faisal Hall, Chamber of Commerce near the TV station on Mina Road. Admission free, 7-8 p.m.  
Monday, March 26 — Thursday, March 29  
SET presents "The Crucible" written by Arthur Miller, directed by Ron Emery. At the British Embassy, 8 p.m. Tickets SR 20.  
Wednesday, March 28  
Korean Day at the Women's Welfare Society, 6 p.m. Tickets SR 50.  
Thursday, March 29  
Jeddah Annual Horse Show, at the Al Hamdan Stables, 11 a.m. — 4 p.m. Tickets SR 20, children SR 10.  
**RIYADH**  
Thursday, March 22  
Riyadh International and Lufthansa Tennis Tournament semifinals 3-5 p.m. Finals on March 23 at 3 p.m. at the tennis courts of the Riyadh Intercontinental.  
Thursday, March 22 — Monday, March 26  
French gastronomic at the Wind Rose restaurant, Al Khazama Hotel, 7:30-11:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 29  
Annual Camel Races, Khurais Road near Vinnell Compound turnoff (sign posted). Two races: Sudanese camels at 11 a.m. and Saudi camels at 4 p.m.  
**DAHRAN**  
Thursday, March 22 — Thursday, March 29  
The Bank Exhibition continues at the Ramada Hotel 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily. Free.  
Friday, March 23 — Saturday, March 24  
The Dahrhan Theater Group presents Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" at the Dahrhan Theater 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door. SR 10 for adults and SR 5 for children.  
Thursday, March 29  
First day of the Dahrhan Arabian Horse Association's annual Spring Show and Horse Trials. Horses and riders from the area and from several stables in Riyadh will compete in dressage, equitation, jumping and cross-country events. Open to general public at hobby farm, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. Entry is SR3 for adults and SR 2 for children.



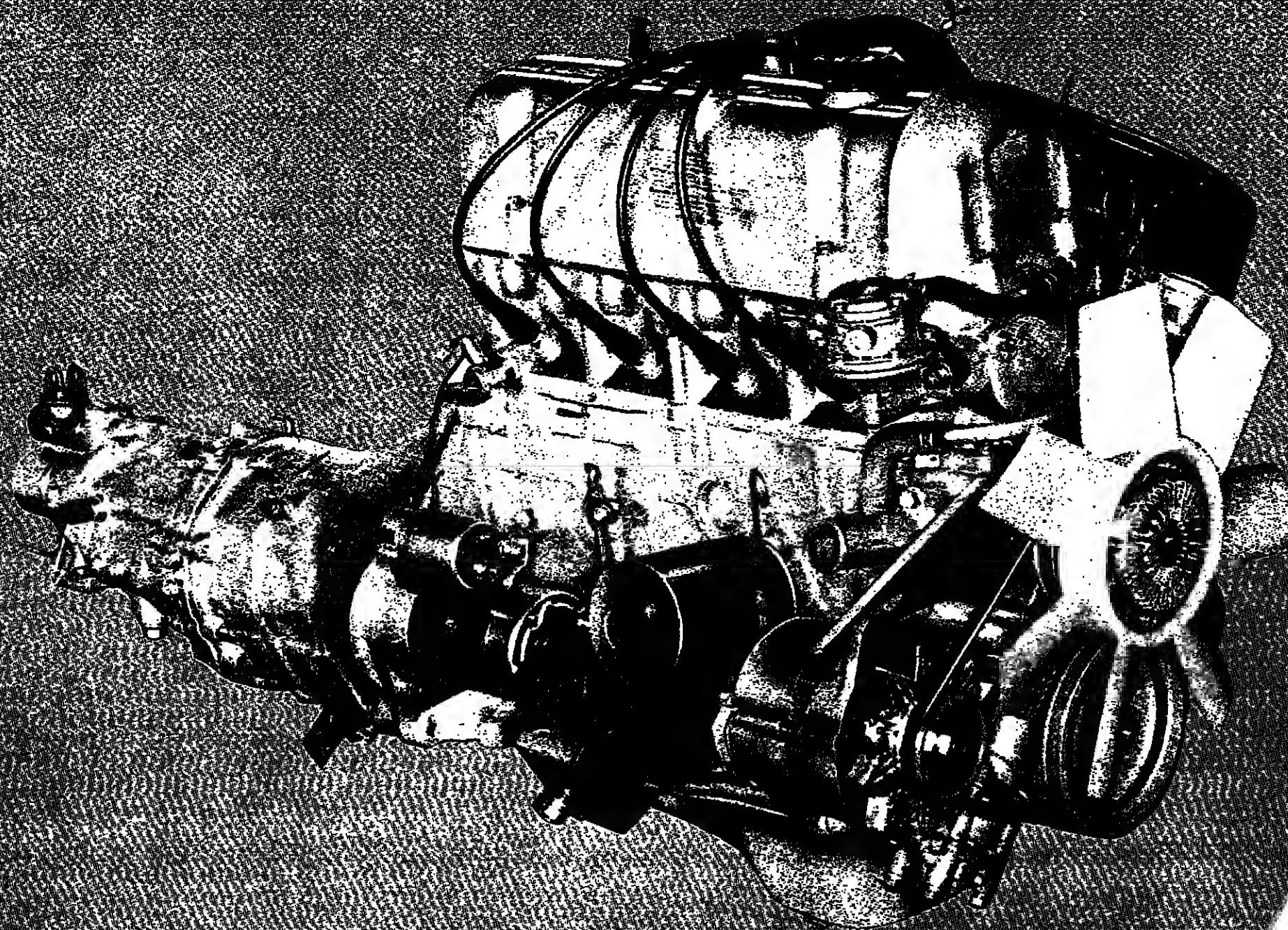
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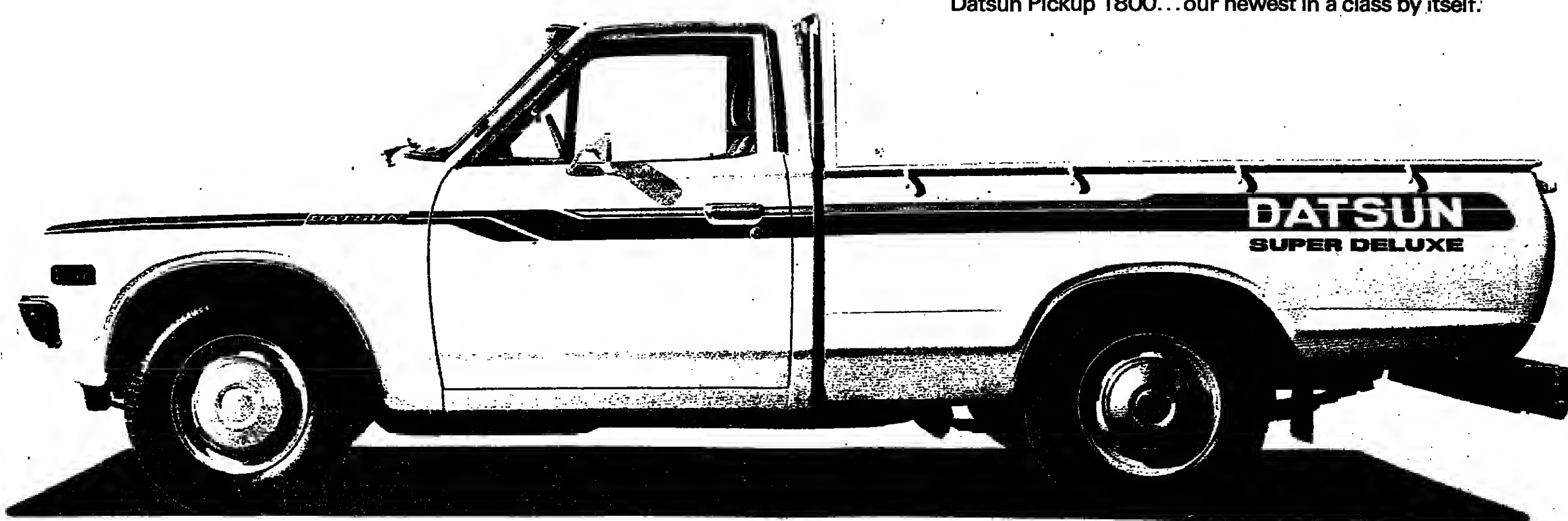


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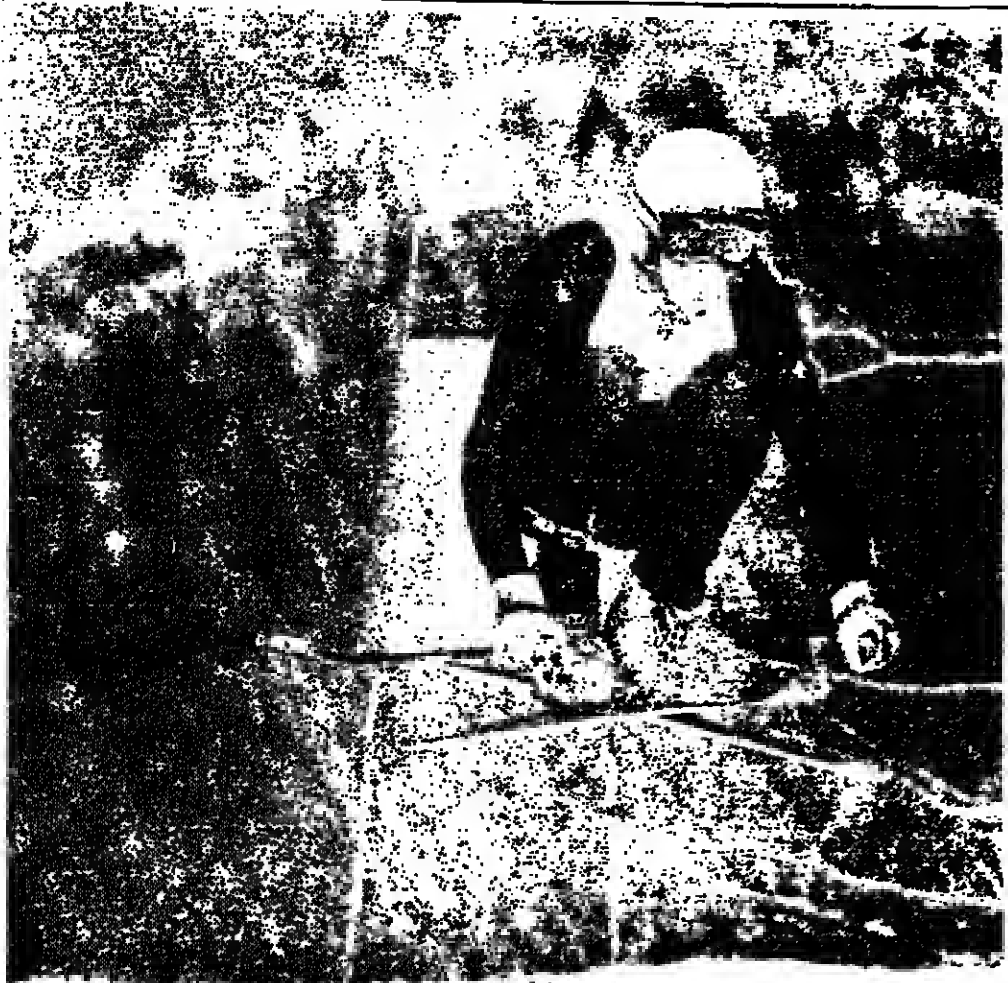
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**TRIAL RUN** : Fallen champ Franz Klammer of Austria Feb. 28 flies over a bump in the Lake Placid downhill course during timed practice for the World Cup Downhill — the village's trial run for the Winter Olympics.

## Lake Placid : The Peoria of winter sports

By Bill Shirley

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — A television executive, bare on business last month, tried for 45 minutes to place a wake-up call with the operator at his motel. Unable to raise the operator, the businessman finally dialed his Manhattan answering service and left the message.

Roone Arledge, president of ABC News and Sports, said that experience taught him one thing. If his network is to televise the XIII Winter Olympic Games from this tiny Adirondack mountain village to the world next Feb. 12-24, "We're going to need more telephones."

Telephones is just one shortage that Petr L. Spurney, general manager of the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee, said is making it hard to keep construction on schedule, raise money, find housing and transportation and stay within his budget.

So what is a nice little summer resort like Lake Placid doing with such a big sports event anyway? After all, it has only 2,731 citizens, one traffic light, a weekly newspaper, a six-man police force and one dry-cleaning establishment. A meeting of the State Audubon Society would probably overwhelm its hotel space. Would the International Olympic Committee give the summer games to Lichtenstein? Seemingly, it would make about as much sense to

stage the Super Bowl in Peoria.

After Montreal blew more than a billion dollars on the 1976 summer games, not many towns today want the grief and risks of staging the athletic competition.

But Lake Placid, with an unemployment rate of 15 per cent to 18 per cent, needed the money, and the senior citizens, who remembered how the III Winter Games in 1932 had made the village famous, voted to hold them again.

Surprisingly, the IOC approved. With a year to spare, it appeared that the village, backed with the experience of having staged one Olympics and supported by \$100 million in federal and state funds, is virtually ready for the biggest winter show on earth.

Lake Placid has had some financial problems, but its target of conducting the competition for about \$130 to \$150 million appears about right. That is not bad when compared with the \$700 million spent at Innsbruck, in the winter of 1976 and the \$200 million at Sapporo, Japan, in 1972.

The federal government has promised \$70 million, but still owes \$7 to \$8 million. The State of New York committed \$30 million, and \$50 million more is expected to be raised from the sale of tickets, sponsorships. Construction continued even when it was 40 degrees below zero. With the wind chill factor down to 60 below, the downhill ski runs froze and workers had a hard time staying on

their feet.

Among the sites already tested are the new, gracefully sculptured (and refrigerated) bobsled and luge runs on Mount Van Hoevenberg, six miles from the village. The \$5 million luge track, 1,000 meters of curving ice, is the only one in North or South America for a sport about as popular in this country as taxes.

Luge is a French word for sled. To get down a hill, lies supine on his sled — which looks sort of like a bungee-made flexi-flyer and is about as small — bobsleds oozing a rope between his legs and guides the contraption by shifting his weight.

Also in operation are the 400-meter speed-skating rink, the 70-and-90-meter ski jumps, the cross-country course and the course for a biathlon, which combines cross-country skiing and rifle marksmanship, and the downhill and slalom runs on Whiteface Mountain.

A new field house — seating 8,000 and costing \$14 million — for figure skating and hockey is almost ready. It is near the center of town next door to the speed-skating rink and the old indoor rink built for the 1932 Games. The old arena will be renovated and also used for hockey and figure skating.

Last summer the picture was not as rosy. Construction was behind schedule, and there was a "threat of bankruptcy." A strong boss was needed. But, as Spurney said, in a village as small as Lake Placid, resources were limited.

"Any time I need anything," he said, "I must go outside."

Well, Lake Placid's Olympic Committee went outside — and brought in Spurney, a 43-year-old management expert from Chevy Chase, Md., who is best known for organizing the Expo '74 World's Fair at Spokane, Wash., and the Bicentennial's Freedom Train.

Spurney is a stickler for detail. He will not even tolerate a handwritten sign because "it shows a lack of organization." He was hired at a salary of \$100,000 a year, and he said if the Lake Placid Games are successful he would "think about the L.A. job." Los Angeles is looking for an executive director to run the 1984 summer Games.

What if Lake Placid loses money?

"We'll declare bankruptcy and that will be the end of Petr Spurney."

But last month, as Lake Placid successfully staged a leg of the World Cup ski competition, it

appeared that Spurney and the town had cleared the major hurdles.

But one major headache remains: housing.

Houses reportedly will be renting for more than \$40,000 during the Olympic Games, with the average price for a five-or-six-bedroom house at \$20,000 to \$30,000. Regulations clamping a ceiling on motel and hotel rates do not apply to private houses, and the natives are capitalizing on their good luck.

Only one new hotel has been started since Lake Placid was awarded the games, and the committee is still short 500 beds even for its "support people."

And the athletes will live two to a tiny room in 17 buildings spread over 170 acres.

It looks, well, like a prison — which is what it will be when the fun and games are over — a Federal Youth Correctional Facility. There will be only one inmate to a room, however.

Two bunk beds, two small closets, a table, chair and wash basin barely fit in the cement-block rooms, leaving hardly any room for two athletes. But the rooms, one official said, "are solely for sleeping." (LAT)

## No place for a riot

By Patrick O'Donovan

WINCHESTER, England — They were expecting a bloody riot in Winchester. You could not give a more unsuitable place, as no slums. It does not even have a university. It has a large federal and a small military of. It must be about as stable as the Vatican.

None the less, all Hampshire (been warned to stay away that Friday afternoon. Some of the shops closed. Some of the shops closed up their windows as if this were Tehran and the jewellers had ed down their shutters. Two armed police from London and Southeast of England had n drafted in to cope and the engines were lined up because ant monuments tend to be ily inflammable. There were elements in the expected uly.

There was 54-year-old Robert M. He had been in the army and 1 driven buses and had voted bor. But he was converted and ed to found a chapter of the Ku m Klan in the Midlands. In 74 he advertised his house for ie, adding, "Positively no ureds."

That eventually got him to son where he went on hunger

strike — and was looked after by a Nigerian doctor. (The laws against racial discrimination are strict but ineffective.) He was sent to prison again for publicizing pamphlets like "Nigger Muggers Unite". He appeared to believe he was doing it for England. He certainly loved the publicity.

He is now in Winchester prison on a hunger strike which has been curiously slow to immobilize him. Then there was the National Front. This is a small, vulgar, sad, seedy little neurotic would-be Nazi party that feeds on the resentments of the underprivileged and inadequate. Although he is not a member, they chose Relf as their own adopted martyr.

Then there was the Anti-Nazi League. This is a thoroughly intolerant, extreme left-wing group, led by Trotskyists and ferocious liberals who would shoot you if they could for being different. Students find it fun and its declared aim of preventing Nazism in Britain can mean anything you want it to mean.

Then there are the police, a bit stolid, not staffed by cherubim and seraphim, but as good as a nation can get. Unfortunately they are human and have been known to get cross and even to cut corners to

get a conviction.

And finally there is Winchester itself, a stable society where people keep to themselves, vote Conservative and would, at least in the Georgian and Victorian houses, rather resent it if you even called them middle class. The center of the town is medieval in layout and medieval alleys, though ideal for the odd purse-slitting or throat-cutting, do not lend themselves to large-scale rioting.

So the National Front announced that its members would demonstrate outside the prison for the release of Relf. And the Anti-Nazi League said it would stop them. Both insisted on their democratic right freely to demonstrate. (There is no such absolute right.)

Both wanted to meet each other for a punch-up which would involve the police, who would be accused of brutality, and both would get publicity and grow in importance and bring the day of the revolution — of the Right or the Left — a little nearer. Also unspoken and hardly realized — it would be tremendous fun, a sort of politically-motivated version of soccer hooliganism.

Perhaps the final element in the day was the cold and the continual drizzle. It was the sort of weather

that the world expects of England and, that Saturday, it helped even if the police were white-faced and red-nosed with the cold.

The police mounted a brilliant and quite unaggressive operation. Each peculiar political group was given a line of march and their democratic protests and demands that they must be allowed to go where they wanted were, not brushed aside, but sat upon.

Every side turning on the two routes was blocked by a line of police. There were about 2,000 anti-Nazis (many of them came from a local college. No, not Winchester College — but from another where they have a very left-wing chaplain). About 600 marched for the National Front. They all looked much the same, but then, since the invention of the plastic anorak which is one of the ecological disasters of our time; everyone in England does when it rains.

So neither party came within sight nor sound of the other. True, the anti-Nazis were allowed to stand and shout outside the prison. But then it was their turn. The National Front had had a small demo there 10 days earlier. And, anyway, if they had exploded a landmine in the road that runs between the prison and

the county hospital, it might have made the nurses pause with their bedpans, but it would not have been heard within the high, thick, concentric walls of this hard prison.

A more sensitive lot than the marchers might have felt humiliated. There were no spectators. Winchester was livid and stayed indoors. And Saturday afternoon is the time for weddings and again the police had to break ranks to let an angry parson or a distracted bride through. The town was otherwise deserted.

Some of the local toughs came out to jeer the police. As soon as the police moved they fled like disturbed stallions using language not often heard around the medieval Butter Cross or the elegant bow-fronted shops. The police never even had to be rude to the press, who were too dispirited to be difficult. One London policeman was a bit regimental to me. A Hampshire sergeant said, "You go through, sir, he's not from these parts."

And the day petered out with nothing to show for it but a lot of overtime money to be paid to the police and a considerable loss for the shopkeepers. But then this was Winchester. (OFNS)

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## 'Pool marches on

## Gladbach crushes City's cup hopes

MOENCHENGLADBACH, West Germany, March 21 (R) — Borussia Moenchengladbach of West Germany finally laid its English ghost when it bundled Manchester City out of the Uefa Cup here Tuesday.

Gladbach beat City, 3-1, in their quarter-final second leg clash to qualify comfortably for the semifinals on a 4-2 aggregate.

Goals by Christian Kulik, Hans-Gunter Bruns and Karl Del'Haye sealed the English club's fate with some 20 minutes still to play.

The Manchester club pulled one back in the 79th minute through Polish substitute Kazimierz Deyna, with Brian Kidd and Colin Bell, one of three internationals on the city bench.

But by then it was a long lost cause for the English club whose defense had been cut to ribbon by the sprightly Germans.

The victory was all the sweeter for the Borussia players, the 1975 UEFA Cup champions, because English teams have always beaten them in the past. Their most notable conquerors was Liverpool, which beat them in the European Cup final two years ago and in the semifinals last year.

In the English League, Liverpool's march towards the championship continued with a 2-0 win over Wolverhampton Wanderers Tuesday night.

Goals by Terry McDermott and David Johnson sent Liverpool four points clear at the top of the First Division and increased the relegation worries of Wolverhampton.

Wolves, beaten only once in their last six away games, were hit by McDermott's 36th-minute effort. Then Johnson finished off a four-man move in the 49th minute.

Covey produced its best soccer of the season to beat Manchester United, 4-3, and record its first home success this year.

United was a goal down within the first minute when Barry Powell netted Tommy Hutchinson's cross, then Garry Thompson added a further blow in the eighth minute.

Steve Coppell scored the first of his two goals to revive United but Hutchinson and Bobby McDonald put Coventry in complete command with goals each side of half time. Sammy McIlroy hit United's third goal from a free kick.

Queen's Park Rangers fight for First Division survival was dealt a further blow by Aston Villa 3-1.

Brighton increased its lead in the Second Division to three points when Peter Ward collected both goals in a 2-1 triumph at Bristol Rovers.

Watford's hopes for the Third Division title took a knock when Swansea triumphed, 3-2, as Watford had defender Steve Sims sent off.

## League results

LONDON, March 21 (AP) — Results of Tuesday night's English League games:

Division One			
Villa	3	QPR	1
Covey	4	Man. Utd.	3
Liverpool	2	Wolves	0

Division Two			
Bristol	1	Brighton	2
Cambridge	2	Millwall	1
Orient	2	Charlton	1
Preston	1	Oldham	1

Division Three			
Blackpool	5	Shrewsbury	0
Bury	1	Oxford	1
Carlisle	4	Peterboro'	1
Swansea	3	Watford	2
Swindon	1	Colchester	2
Walsall	0	G'ham	1

Division Four			
Aldershot	1	Bournemouth	0
Doncaster	2	Reading	0
Scarb'rope	0	N'tampton	3
Wimbledon	0	Grimsby	1
York	1	Newport	2



NASTASE: Are tournament officials too hard on him?

At New Orleans event  
Nastase disqualified for obscene gestures

NEW ORLEANS, March 19 (AP) — Ilie Nastase made a rude sign too many Tuesday night and was disqualified in his first-round match against Boh Lutz in the \$125,000 New Orleans Tennis Festival.

"The Chair umpire (Doug Lang) was simply enforcing the rule," said Dick Robertson, supervisor of the Grand Prix event. "Nastase knows that the first step is a point penalty. The next step is a game penalty, and the next step is a default."

He said that it was the first time any player had been forced to forfeit a Grand Prix match.

Nastase's first run-in with the officials came in the third game of the first set. He double faulted and kicked the ball, and Lang awarded the point to Lutz.

Nastase — obviously upset and down 1-3 — flashed an obscene gesture moments later, and Lang awarded the game to Lutz, putting Nastase down, 1-4. He went on to lose the set, 6-7.

Nastase won the second set 6-3, and Lutz was serving and trailing 1 game to 3 and down 15-30 in the fourth game of the third set when the Romanian was disqualified for making an obscene gesture.

Nastase said he doesn't know what he did to deserve the penalty.

"I didn't give it to anybody. I gave it to myself," he said.

Robertson said Nastase would be fined an unappealable \$450 but Nastase does have the right to appeal the forfeit.

When the forfeit was announced, the court was quickly buried in crumpled paper cups, ice and other objects thrown from the stands. Many members of the crowd of almost 5,000 charged the court, and at least one fistfight broke out between spectators.

"They were too sick with me," Nastase said. "They defaulted me too fast. The guys are out flexible, especially with me."

In earlier first-round action Tuesday, 2nd-seeded Bjorn Borg used a big serve and a powerful backhand to blow Gene Mayer off the court, 6-4, 6-3.

Fourth-seeded John McEnroe also had an easy time of it. The young Davis Cupper whipped substitute Hubertus Hoyt, 6-3, 6-2. Hoyt got to play when Victor Amaya had to withdraw because of tendinitis of the shoulder.

In other matches Tuesday, it was Dick Stockton over Stan Smith 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 and Ferdi Taygan over Marty Riesen, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Fifth-seeded Bryan Gottfried beat Terry Moor 7-6, 6-1, and Sherwood Stewart beat Peter Fleming, 6-4, 6-4. Sixth-seeded Roscoe Tanner beat Tim Wilkison 6-4, 6-3.

Top seed Jimmy Connors advanced to the second round after winning his match on Monday.

"A Borg or a Connors could do this, and they wouldn't have to default," Nastase said. "If you're No. 1 or No. 2, you can do anything you want and they won't default you."

## Blindfolded man goes 14 moves against Korchnoi

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — Viktor Korchnoi, who maintains he lost the world chess championship last year because of Soviet psychologists played games with his mind, played an exhibition match Tuesday with a blindfolded mentalist. Korchnoi checkmated the entertainer, Kreskin, in 14 moves, but afterwards congratulated his opponent for having read his mind.

"You would catch me ahead," Korchnoi told the entertainer. "I would think of variations and you would act as if I had made the move."

"I could bear his moves," Kreskin said.

24-run victory  
Aussies ride out rally, riot to even up Supertests, 1-1

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, March 21 (AP) — Australia leveled its five-match World Series Cricket series against the West Indies here Tuesday with a 24-run victory in the third Supertest.

The West Indies, set 299 for victory, resumed the day well positioned at 119 for one. But the Australians removed the home team's batsmen one by one and were on the c verge of victory when they claimed the seventh wicket at 226.

It was a close run-out decision against wicketkeeper Deryck Murray, the only Trinidadian in the West Indies side, which dropped the seventh wicket and provoked the crowd into a bottle-throwing only that interrupted play for 25 minutes.

Denied a chance of victory in the second Supertest in Barbados by a crowd riot which caused the match to be abandoned as a draw, the Australian fielders remained on during the trouble. So did the umpires and the West Indian batsmen.

For 55 minutes, the West Indian eighth wicket pair, Andy Roberts and Mike Holding, lifted the hopes of the crowd, estimated at 7,000, by adding 41 and carrying the home team to within 32 of victory.

However, once Holding was bowled by Ian Chappell for 22 the last three wickets fell for seven runs and Australia completed the victory.

The West Indies' real chance evaporated in the first period of play before lunch when four wickets fell for the addition of 97 runs. At the interval, the host team was 216 for five with only lower order

## Springbok plans rapped in Paris

PARIS, March 21 (R) — France runs the risk of sporting isolation if the government does not withdraw invitations for two South African rugby teams to tour here this year, anti-apartheid campaigner Albert Levy said Wednesday. The French Rugby Federation plans to receive a Transvaal selection next month and the Springbok national side in October.

batsmen remaining and an Australian win on the cards.

The Australians made the breakthrough early. Within the first half hour, overnight batsmen, Lawrence Rowe and Roy Fredericks were dismissed in successive overs within two runs of each other. Rowe was bowled by left-arm spinner Ray Bright for 11 and Fredericks, who scored 65 not out in great style Monday, was bowled by fast bowler Dennis Lillee for 72.

Attacking batting by Vivian Richards took the initiative away from the Australian bowlers. He

and captain Clive Lloyd added 54 in less than an hour for the fourth wicket.

Yet Lloyd never settled in and it was no surprise when he was caught by wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh off fast bowler Len Pascoe for 13. When Richards followed him for 64 12 runs later at 199, caught at deep mid on off Ian Chappell's leg break, the West Indies was still 100 away from its target with only five wickets remaining.

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ATTACKING: Viv Richards returns to the pavilion.

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## Sixers edge high-flying Spurs

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — The Philadelphia 76ers have had their problems lately. But Tuesday night, they carved out an important win against the San Antonio Spurs, beating the National Basketball Association's Central Division leaders, 124-120.

After San Antonio tied the score 112-112 with 2:06 remaining, Julius Erving hit a layup, giving Philadelphia the lead for good. Then Doug Collins, who finished

with 21 points, clinched the victory with six straight free throws in the final 14 seconds.

Erving led the 76ers with 25 points, while Henry Bibby added 20 and Darryl Dawkins had 19. George Gervin, the league's leading scorer, was high with 26 for the spurs, who suffered fourth straight loss. Mark Olberding came off the bench and scored 25.

In other NBA games Tuesday night, the Washington Bullets

beat the New Orleans Jazz, 126-107; the Denver Nuggets beat the Golden State Warriors 113-102, to move 3½ games off Midwest leader Kansas City; the Atlanta Hawks defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers, 115-109, for their 12th straight home win; the New York Knicks overtook the Milwaukee Bucks, 118-110; and the Portland Trail Blazers overran the San Diego Clippers in the final quarter to win, 115-109.

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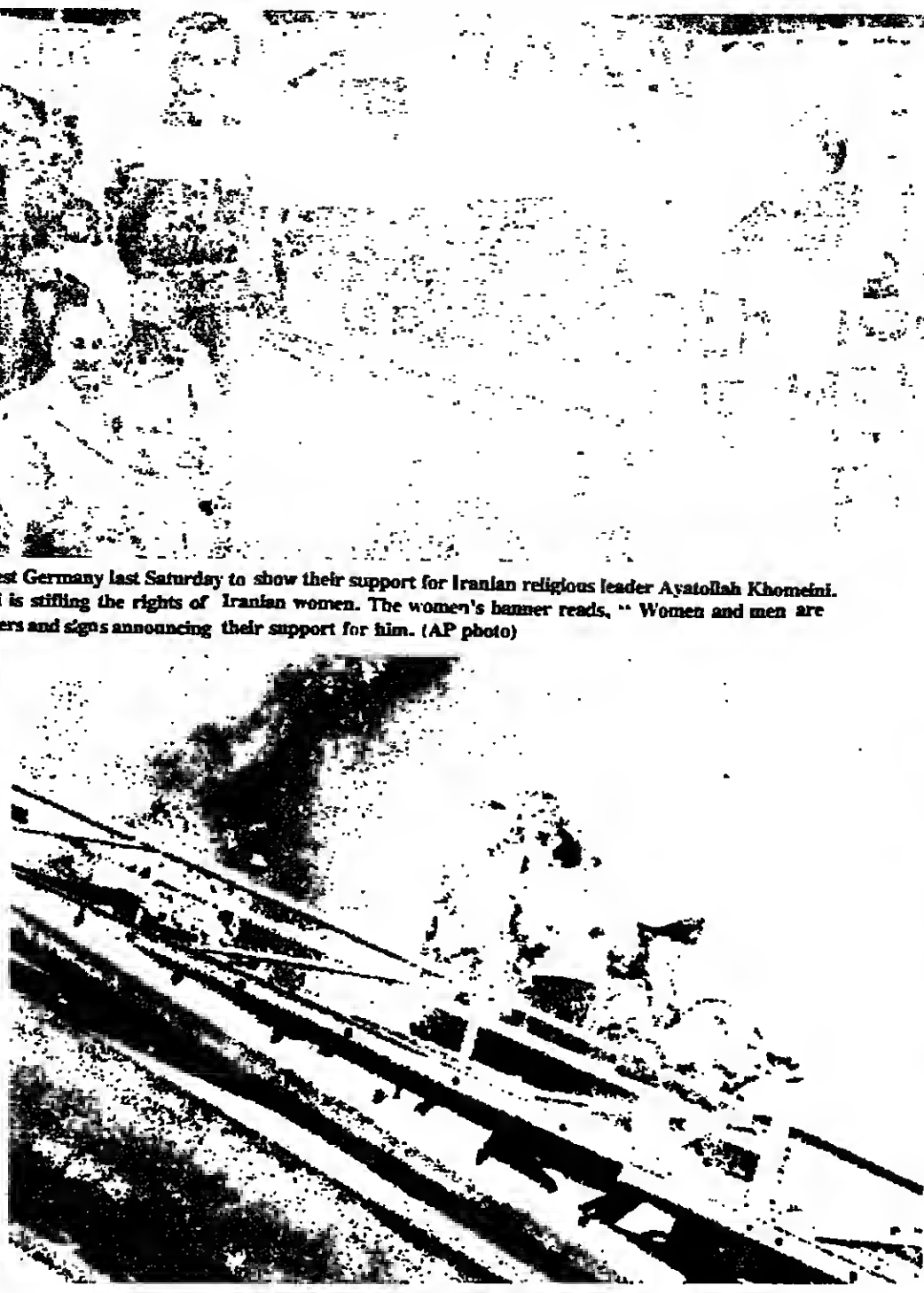




**EUROPEAN SUPPORT:** Iranians, Turks and Arabs — about 3,000 strong — turned out in Bonn, West Germany last Saturday to show their support for Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini. Many of those marching were women (left) protesting marches by some women in Tehran claiming Khomeini is stifling the rights of Iranian women. The women's banner reads, "Women and men are equal before God." Other women and men marching (right) carry pictures of Khomeini and other Iranian leaders and signs announcing their support for him. (AP photo)



**STOWAWAY:** Young Vincent Kelley arrives back in Johannesburg last weekend to be met by his father and a full escort of policemen. The 12-year-old had successfully and unofficially hitch-hiked a ride on a jet to London. (AP photo)



**TRAPPED:** A Washington County, Oregon fireman is in critical condition this week after catching fire himself while battling a blaze at a high school. Several firemen were injured when the flames broke out Monday. (AP photo)



**HUEY:** American Black Panther leader Huey Newton and his wife arrive at the courthouse in Oakland, California Monday where Newton is on trial for murdering a woman. (AP photo)



**DEBRIS:** Is all that's left of this stable at the Midwest Harness Race Track in Henderson, Kentucky Monday after a fire killed 20 races horses in the pre-dawn hours. (AP photo)



**PROTEST:** Policemen begin carting away a group of West German protestors Monday. The group was protesting plans to build a nuclear storage facility at Gorleben. 25 people were arrested. (AP photo)

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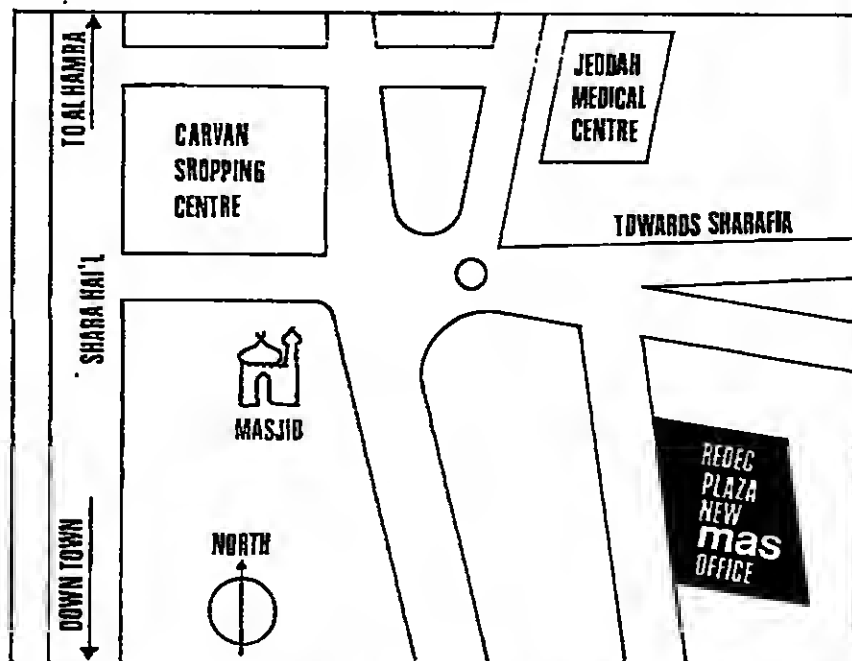
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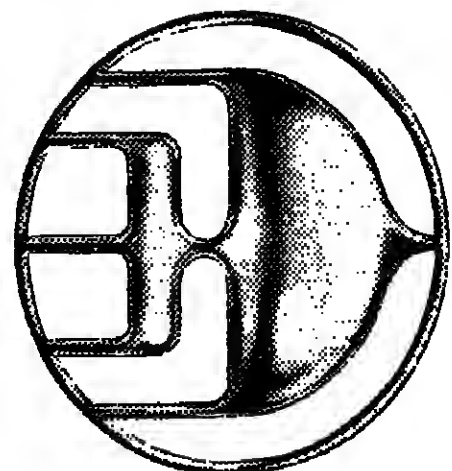
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## Planning talks start today for Western summit

TOKYO, March 21 (AP) — A two-day meeting in preparation for a seven-nation economic summit to be held here in June gets underway Thursday against a backdrop of unresolved trade issues between Japan and the United States.

U.S. officials in the Japanese capital said the administration is finding it increasingly difficult to defend Japan against rising protectionist sentiment in the U.S. Congress. But, the officials said, the Japanese appear to be more concerned about this mood than ever before.

Japan has come under U.S. criticism in recent months for its high North Yemen to get West German aid.

RONN, March 21 (R) — West Germany will grant North Yemen \$18 million in development aid this year, the ministry of economic cooperation said Tuesday.

It said the money would be used to develop water supplies and to develop farming. The aid was agreed Monday after negotiations in North Yemen.

trade surplus with the United States for the past several years. It has also been accused of keeping its market closed to imported goods by means of non-tariff barriers such as import cartels and excessive red tape.

The U.S. trade deficit with Japan last year was \$11.55 billion, more than \$3.5 billion more than two years before.

American officials in Tokyo said the changes needed for a solution to these economic problems are structural and will require some time.

A Japanese economic commentator writing in the "Yomiuri" newspaper said: "The results of Japan-U.S. economic negotiations will greatly influence the (summit's) success or failure."

The trade imbalance is expected to come up for discussion in Thursday's negotiations. Other matters to be discussed are the international currency issue, energy, North-South problems, trade and economic growth.

At the pre-summit session, delegates are expected to agree on which nations will be responsible for which sections of the summit agenda.



LARGEST: Milton Keynes, a super new city, is springing up in the British countryside with surprising speed. Its development site is eight square miles, the largest construction area in Western Europe. When completed in 1990, it will have a population of about 250,000.

## Britain must fight inflation as No. 1 enemy, OECD says

PARIS, March 21 (AP) — The Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) says Britain must make reducing inflation through pay restraints its top economic priority for 1979.

The Paris-based economic study group said the nation's

wage-price spiral, fueled by an average wage rise of 14 per cent expected this year, was endangering the recent progress made in restructuring the British economy.

In its annual survey of Britain's economy, the OECD said the prices would probably increase by about 10.75 per cent in 1979. The fourth quarter of 1979 would show an acceleration of some 12 per cent over the last quarter of 1978, the survey predicted.

"As in 1978, a continuing strong rise in labor costs, combined with slower growth and hence rising unit labor costs, will make it by far the largest contributory factor in the rise in consumer prices," the survey said.

The OECD, the think tank for the world's 24 major non-

Communist industrial powers, added that "all indicators suggest a considerable weakening" in the growth of demand and output in Britain this year, and that as a result the recent improvement in labor market conditions may not continue.

## Market moves down

NEW YORK, March 21 — The market opened in negative territory and accelerated on the downside throughout Tuesday. Fear of inflation and higher interest rates affected the market. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 7.28, transports lost 1.03, and utilities fell 1.17. Volume of trading was 27 million shares and losers outnumbered gainers by a 9 to 5 margin. The American Stock

Exchange off .84. Growth and glamor issues declined with Johnson and Johnson off 1/4 to 69 1/2. Squibb lost 1 1/2 to 35 1/2. Revlon off 1/4 to 47 1/2. Honeywell off 1/4 to 64 1/2. IBM down 1/4 to 310 1/2. 3M fell 1 1/2 to 56. Fairchild Camera up 1/4 to 36. Texas Instruments up 1/2 to 81 1/2 and mart gained 1/4 to 23 1/2.

Energy issues declined with Atlantic Richfield off 1/4 to 61 1/2. Cities Service off 1/4 to 59 1/2. Mesa lost 1 1/2 to 40 1/2. Standard of Indiana fell 1 to 59 1/2. Eastern Gas up 1/2 to 17 1/2. and Schlumberger off 1/4 to 102 1/2.

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WASHINGTON March 21 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter plans to announce late this month a new energy plan that may remove controls from crude oil prices and tax excess oil-industry profit, it was disclosed Tuesday.

Members of Congress who had breakfast with Carter at the White House quoted him as saying he still hasn't made up his mind on many details of the new plan.

House of Representatives Speaker Thomas O'Neill, said Carter intends to consult further with key lawmakers before delivering his energy speech to the nation on March 29.

## New CIA report confirms

## Soviets will run short of oil

WASHINGTON March 21 (AP) — The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency says it has formulated mathematical equations which appear to confirm an earlier CIA forecast that, without policy changes, the Soviet Union will have an oil shortage in the 1980s.

The agency also forecast in its report Tuesday, a drop in Soviet economic growth to an annual 2.5 per cent for the years 1981-85, more than a point below the average rate in 1976-80.

"The Soviets would export oil to the West until 1981," the CIA predicts, "after which they would become net importers of Western oil."

This prediction, which caused a sensation when it was first disclosed nearly two years ago, is based on the assumption that Soviet oil production will peak at 590 million metric tons in 1980 and fall to 500 million in 1985.

"This is at the high end of the production range we have estimated," the CIA said, referring to the 1977 figures.

It also assumes that net Soviet shipments of oil to the Communist countries will increase to an annual 95 million tons next year

and stay at that level until 1985. If the Soviets try to meet their shortage by dropping their exports to 45 million tons in 1985, the CIA says, Soviet growth would be increased by more than one percentage point and oil shortages inside the Soviet Union would be delayed.

The forecasts are based on an "econometric model," a device which consists of equations set up to represent employment, energy, foreign trade and other key aspects of the economy.

The CIA has published a 45-page description of its undertaking under the title "Soviet Union: A Model of the Soviet Economy."

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.85	6.89	6.88
Deutsche Mark (100)	181.00	181.00	180.50
Swiss F (100)	200.00	201.00	199.30
French F (100)	79.00	78.75	78.50
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.02
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	108.50	108.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	79.00	86.25
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.22	12.22
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.30	11.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.25	87.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.25	87.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.72	8.78
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	10.00	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	32.00	34.30
Gold	—	26.150	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,060	—
Silver bar	—	900	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.63	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.86	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	1.69	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah. Tel.: 23815

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate of the National Guard	Constructing of 15 sunshades for vehicles in Riyadh	8/98/99	2000	April 2
Ministry of Education	Constructing of primary schools model No.3 (12 classrooms)	19/M	3000	March 31
Capital's Model Institute	Constructing of an educational park for children	2	3200	April 14
Directorate of Education, Taif	Repairs to Al-Mansouriah School in Turubuh	2/99	150	April 3
Directorate General of Telegraph and Telex, Jeddah	Fencing of the transmission station in Jeddah	1	100	April 24
Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Constructing of a medium-sized municipal building, garage, storehouse, gate and fencing for the Municipality of Al-Mindaq	—	150	April 14
" " "	Vegetable and meat market of 12 shops in Al-Muwailah village under Dubaa municipality	—	500	April 16



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### SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS.

DATE: 23. 4. 1399 / 21. 3. 1979  
TIME: 0700 HRS.

Vessels Working	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
Berth No.				
7	RISHI VISHWAMITRA	ORRI	GENERAL	18.3.79
8	BRATSLAV	KANOO	STEEL/PIPS	20.3.79
10	KOTA MOLEK	GULF	LOADING UREA	17.3.79
11	BACHDANG	SOEASIA	C. CEMENT IN BAG	18.3.79
12	AL OMARIAH	KANOO	GENERAL	20.3.79
15	STRATHDOON	KANOO	GENERAL	18.3.79
16	GRAND FELICITY	ALSAADA	HOUSES	20.3.79
18	EVPO ARAMIS	SOEASIA	C. CEMENT IN BAG	17.3.79
20	CARICA	S.A.I.T.E.	C. CEMENT IN BAG	12.3.79
21	MENTOR (D.B.)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	18.3.79
28	AEGIS MYSTIC	ALSAADA	MODULAR HOUSES/ GENERAL	20.3.79

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AL SHIDADIAH KANOO GENERAL 16.3.79

2-Recent Arrivals				
AL OMARIAH	KANOO	GENERAL	20.3.79	
CONON FOREST	BARBER	CONTAINER	20.3.79	
BRATSLAV	KANOO	STEEL/PIPS	20.3.79	
AEGIS MYSTIC	ALSAADA	MODULAR HOUSES/ GENERAL	20.3.79	

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours				
MALDIVE CARRIER	ORRI			
WUXI	ORRI			
KHALIJ STAR	S.E.A.			
SAMSON SCAN	KANOO			
TREUNFELS	ALIREZA			
OAKLAND	REZAYAT			
FOSS DUNKIRQUE	I.A.C.C.			
MOSCENICE	KANOO			
BARGE GLOBAL — 5 AND 6	O.C.E.			

4-Tonnages Discharged:(Freight Tons): 41,069

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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1-VESSELS DISCHARGING BERTH VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR.DATE
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5 —	FRYCK MODRZEWSKI	—	19.3.79
6 —	ZENO	—	19.3.79
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3-Vessels Expected to Arrive With in Next 24 Hours				
ANTONIO II	STAR	GENERAL	21.3.79	
OCEAN HAPPINESS	A.E.T.	GENERAL/CONTAINERS/ HEAVY LIFTS	21.3.79	
ULSTER STAR	O.C.E.	FROZEN POULTRY/ BUTTER/APPLES	21.3.79	
ARENAL	O.C.E.	FROZEN CHICKENS	21.3.79	
EVER MASTER	GULF	TO LOAD M/T'S	21.3.79	
SAM HOUSTON	A.E.T.	4 LASH BARGES	21.3.79	

4-Tonnages Discharged:(Freight Tons): 78,525

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

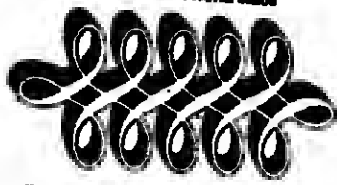
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Union Corporation . . .	359	362
Wall Reads Ex. Mng. . .	23%	24 1/16
Westcott . . .	480	480
Weyer . . .	32	32 1/2
Western Deep . . .	512 1/16	512 3/16
Western Holdings . . .	26 7/16	26 3/16
Wolfsberg & Moller . .	11	11 1/4
Zandvoort . . .	347 1/2	352 1/2
Zambian Copper Inv. . .	14%	14%

GERMANY		المملكة المتحدة	
	Closing March 20		Closing March 19
			Prior DSE.
AEG . . .	61.90	61.70	
Alfa Romeo . . .	400.00	400.00	
BMW . . .	235.00	235.00	
BASF . . .	136.80	136.60	
Bayer . . .	177.00	177.00	
Bayer. Hypo. . .	278.00	278.00	
Bayer. Vermögen. . .	276.50	276.80	
Bombardier . . .	30.00	30.00	
Cont. Gummi . . .	66.80	67.00	
Daimler Benz . . .	295.50	295.50	
Deutsche Bank . . .	162.00	162.00	
Deutsche Bank . . .	162.00	162.00	
Dresdner Bank . . .	220.00	221.60	
Dresdner Bank . . .	162.00	162.00	
Dresdner Bank . . .	220.00	220.00	
Hanag Lloyd . . .	97.00	99.00	
Hanag Lloyd . . .	143.50	143.50	
Hanag Lloyd . . .	134.20	134.20	
Hochs . . .	163.80	163.80	
Hochs . . .	148.50	148.00	
Hochs . . .	148.50	148.00	
Karstadt . . .	138.00	138.00	
Karstadt . . .	242.00	240.00	
Karstadt . . .	91.80	91.80	
KIP . . .	191.00	190.50	
Krupp . . .	91.10	91.00	
Krupp . . .	27.00	27.00	
Lehrschau 100 . . .	1.60	1.90	
Lehrschau . . .	88.50	88.50	
Lehrschau . . .	180.00	180.00	
Lehrschau . . .	159.30	159.50	
Lehrschau . . .	255.00	254.00	
Lehrschau . . .	242.00	242.00	
Neckermann . . .	177.20	177.50	
Neckermann . . .	168.50	167.50	
Rhein West Elect. . .	107.00	107.00	
Scherling . . .	245.00	246.00	
Scherling . . .	267.00	267.00	
Schuck . . .	232.00	233.00	

OSLO		اوسلو	
	Closing March 16	Closing March 19	
Bergens Bank	106.00	99.00	
Norwegian	76.50	76.80	
Creditbank	111.80	112.00	
Swedish	365.00	370.00	
Kreditkasen	107.80	118.00	
Swedish Krkr.	20.00	20.00	
Starobank	118.50	108.75	
<b>BRUSSELS</b>			
		Closing March 20	Price Rise
Forward Market			
ACUC	435	428	
Algeria	2385	2524	
Austria	662	685	
Brasserie	590	542	
Compt. Lambert	1725	1725	
Can. Pac.	768	768	
Cantharif	496	496	
Chem. Albert	214	178	
Electrobel	6910	6878	
EBES	2420	2425	
El. Beers	2492	2510	
Gen. Port	1368	1378	
Ind. Belge	3010	3010	
Ind. Belge	3900	3910	
Lafayette Dutch	1980	1990	
Ind. Belge	182	182	
Ind. Gen. Belgique	2258	2245	
Ind. Holland	3485	3455	
Ind. Holland	3485	3430	
Ind. Holland	134	134	
Ind. Holland	886	820	
Ind. Holland	1890	1810	
Ind. Holland	8330	8310	
Ind. Holland	6648	6648	
Ind. Holland	—	3500	
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## EXCHANGE RATES AND LONDON GOLD

LONDON		NEW YORK	
March 29	Range	March 29	Opening Prices
Canada	2.0345-2.0345	STG	2.0365-2.0315
France	2.2745-2.2750	BRF CON.	29.45-29.45
Germany	3.7275-3.7275	BRF	29.45-29.45
Italy	4.0025-4.0025	1FR	4.2900-4.2915
Belgium	1.7905-1.7905	2FR	4.2900-4.2915
Holland	4.8825-4.8915	3FR	2.0135-2.0140
Switzerland	4.3150-4.3250	4FR	2.0135-2.0140
W. Germany	7.7950-7.7950	5FR	2.0135-2.0140
Sweden	8.8725-8.8725	6FR	1.8015-1.8025
Norway	10.3675-10.3775	7FR	20.70-20.70
Denmark	12.6000-12.6100	8FR	1.8015-1.8025
Austria	22.70-22.75	9FR	1.8015-1.8025
Portugal	22.70-22.75	10FR	1.8015-1.8025
Spain	140.35-140.45	11FR	1.8015-1.8025
Japan	419.10-419.70	12FR	1.8015-1.8025

52g. one month 36-37.50; 52g. one month 36-37.50

N.Y. DOLLAR CROSS RATES	
March 20	
Guilder	2.0695
Belgian Franc	29.437
Deutsche Mark	1.3633
Hong Kong Dollar	7.8824
French Franc	4.2068
Italian Lira	83.47-49
Japanese Yen	237.00
Swiss Franc	1.6814

LONDON GOLD	
1.00 p.m. fix	\$242
America fix	\$242
Vegetable fix	\$242

## DOW JONES STOCK AVERAGES

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FINANCIAL TIMES		بۆس الخاينفشايلز								
STOCK INDICES		March 30		March 16		March 15		March 14	March 13	1 year ago
		20	16	16	15	14	13			
Govt. cons. Secs.	72.56	71.53	71.62	71.06	72.29	72.64	72.57			75.37
Fixed Income	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56			75.37
Industrial Securities	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56			75.37
Stocks	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56	72.56			75.37
Gold Mines	167.0	166.0	169.7	166.1	165.2	170.0	171.0			149.0
Gold Mines (incl. oil)	115.0	123.4	115.0	116.1	116.1	116.1	116.1			116.1
Oil	5.00	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05			5.05
Oil, Div. Yield	5.00	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05			5.05
Energy 1/8% (incl. oil)	14.80	14.76	14.73	14.40	14.22	14.32	14.32			17.31
P/E Ratio (incl. oil)	15.85	15.85	15.85	15.85	15.85	15.85	15.85			15.85
Dividend yield	7.09	7.09	7.09	7.09	7.09	7.09	7.09			7.09
Equity turnover ratio	23.79	23.79	23.79	23.79	23.79	23.79	23.79			23.79
Equity financing total	23.79	23.79	23.79	23.79	23.79	23.79	23.79			23.79

\* Based on 52 per cent corporation tax.    • NII = 8.33.  
Basis 100 Govt. Secs. 15. 10.70.    Fixed Incl. 1928.    Int. Ord. 17.35.  
Gold Mines 12.955.    Ex-5 pm index started June, 1972.    SE activity July-Dec. 1942.

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**PRICES**

March 10 Linttime Prices			SOYABEAN MEAL		
COCOA	Today's Closing	Previous Closing		Today's Closing	Today's Closing
	per tonne			per tonne	
March	1665	1660	April	125.50	124.80
June	1672	1667	July	126.00	125.50
July	1670	1675	August	126.70	126.50
September	1724	1718	October	126.00	127.00
December	1774	1770	December	126.50	127.00
March 1990	1800	1800	February	127.80	125.50
May	1830	1815	April	129.00	126.00

ROBUSTA COFFEE		March 20 Official Close	
	£ per tonne		
March .....	1459	1458	
May .....	1450	1438	
July .....	1438	1436	

ALUMINIUM		Today's		Previous	
	£ per tonne	Closing		Closing	
March .....	1459	1458		1458	
May .....	1450	1438		1438	
July .....	1438	1436		1436	

September .....	1448	1439	Cash .....	747.00	748.00
November .....	1438	1435	Three months .....	747.00	747.50
January .....	1428	1426	Settlement .....	748.00	—
March .....	1423	1416			

Wheat	Barley	COPPER
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GRAINS	Yesterday's		Yesterday's		Wirebars	£ per tonne	
	Closing	£ per long ton	Closing				
March .....	97.15	93.70			Cash .....	998.00	998.50
May .....	99.35	95.80			Three months .....	1015.00	1015.50
September .....	93.85	86.45			Settlement .....	999.50	—
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November .....	96.80	89.60	Cash .....	994.00	994.50
January .....	99.60	93.25	Three months .....	1009.00	1009.50
			Settlement .....	994.50	---

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Pence per kilo			
April .....	70.00	67.00	

April .....	\$8.90	\$8.60					
May .....	\$9.75	\$9.50					
April-June .....	\$9.75	\$9.66	Cash .....	567.00	558.00		
July-September .....	62.70	62.60	Three months .....	526.80	527.00		
Oct.-December .....	64.75	64.70	Settlement .....	538.00	—		
January-March .....	66.70	66.65					

April-June .....	65.65	68.00	<b>SILVER</b>		
July-September ..	70.75	70.60			Per Troy ounce
Oct.-December ...	72.80	72.65			
<b>RAW SUGAR</b>			Cash .....	\$61.10	\$61.30
			Three months .....	\$70.60	\$70.70
			September .....	\$61.20	—

May .....	107.85	107.80	TEN		
August .....	111.90	111.85			
October .....	114.90	114.85		Standard	
December .....	117.60	117.50		Cash .....	7440

March .....	121.70	121.50	Three months .....	7340	7345
May .....	124.00	123.75	Settlement .....	7445	—
August .....	126.90	126.50	High Grade .....	—	—
			Cash .....	7480	7490
			Three months .....	7385	7395
			Settlement .....	7480	—

July .....	106.50	106.00	September .....	107.50	107.00
September .....	113.75	113.00	<b>ZINC</b>		
November .....	118.00	117.50			
February .....	126.50	125.00			
April .....	131.00	130.00	Cash .....	106.50	107.50

July .....	136.50	134.06	Three months ....	399.50	408.80
September .....	141.50	137.50	Settlement .....	387.50	—

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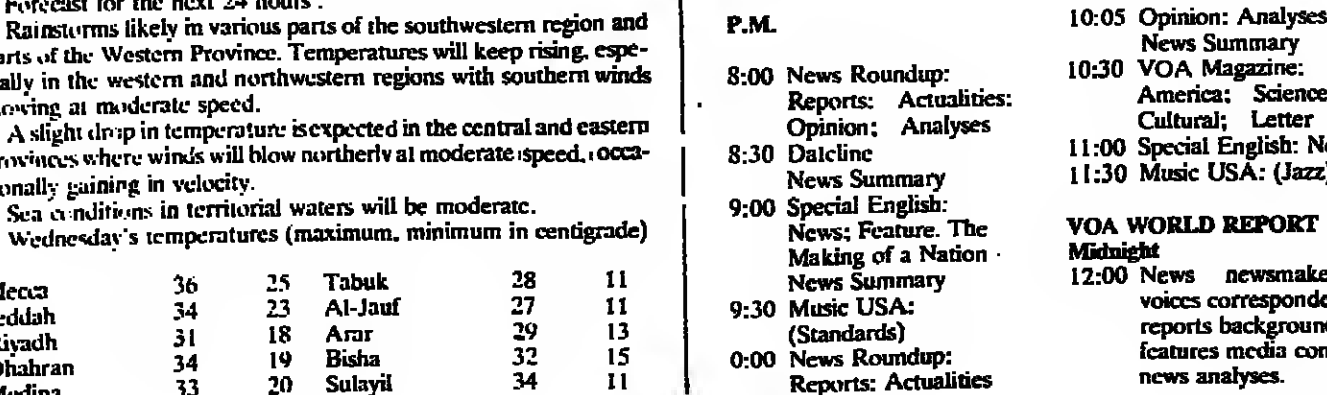
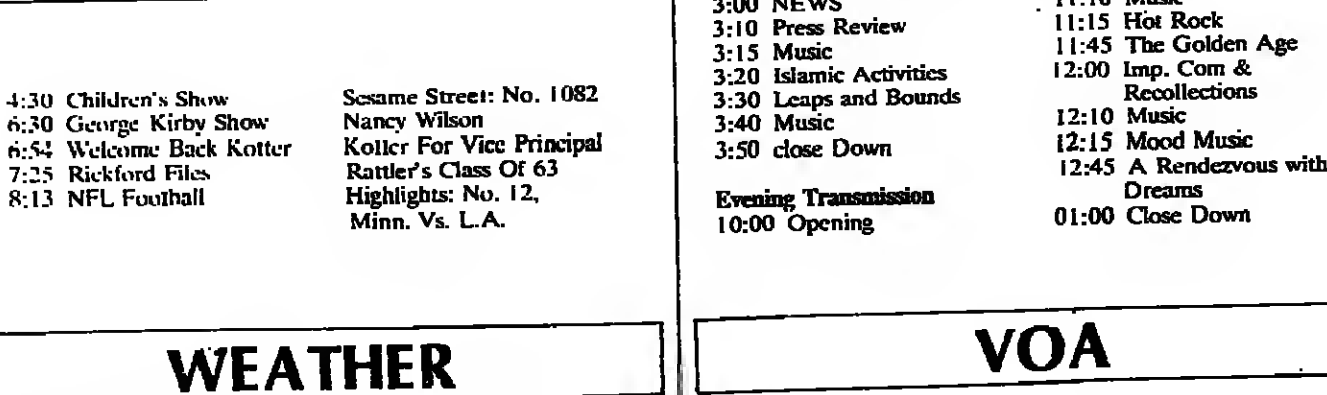
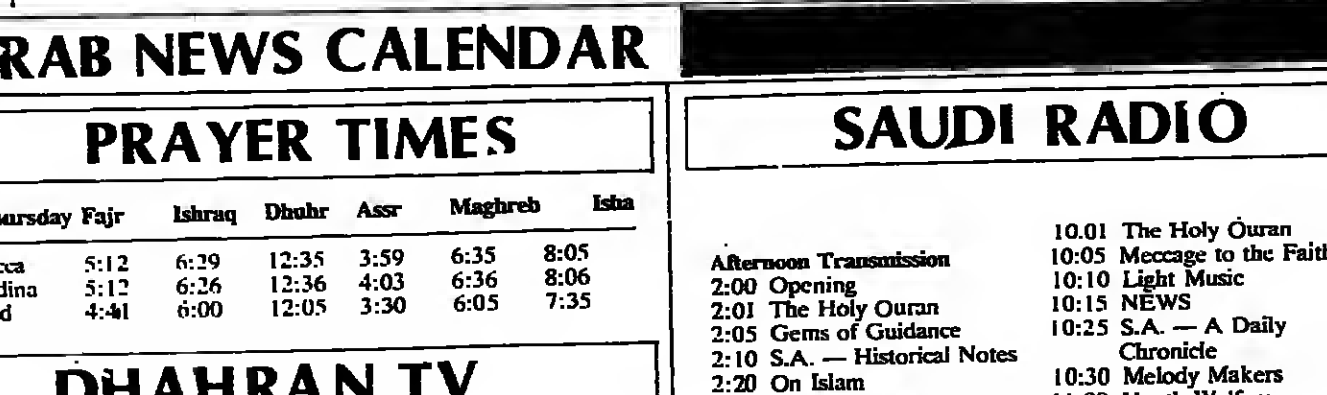
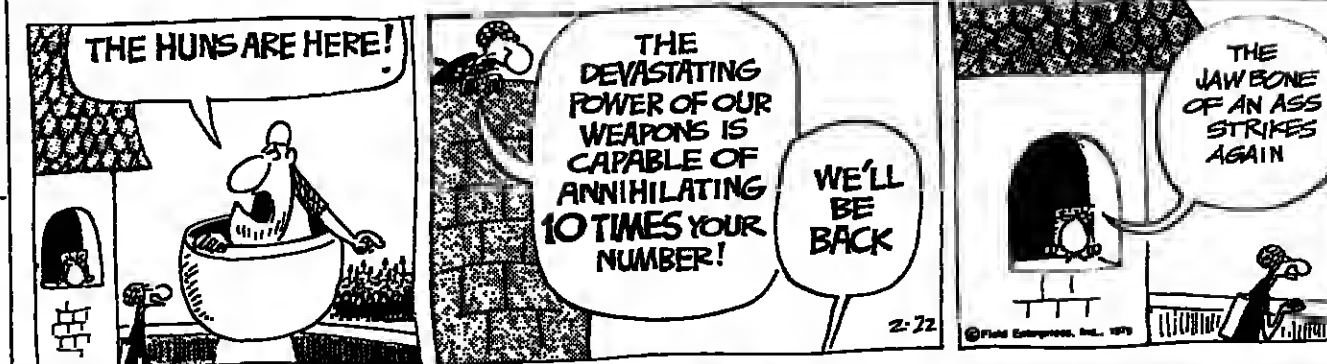
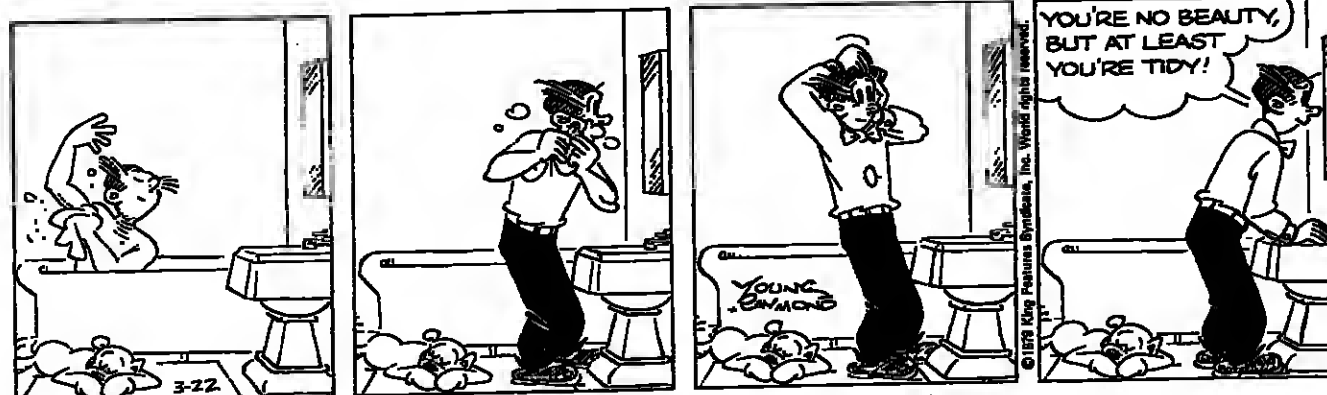
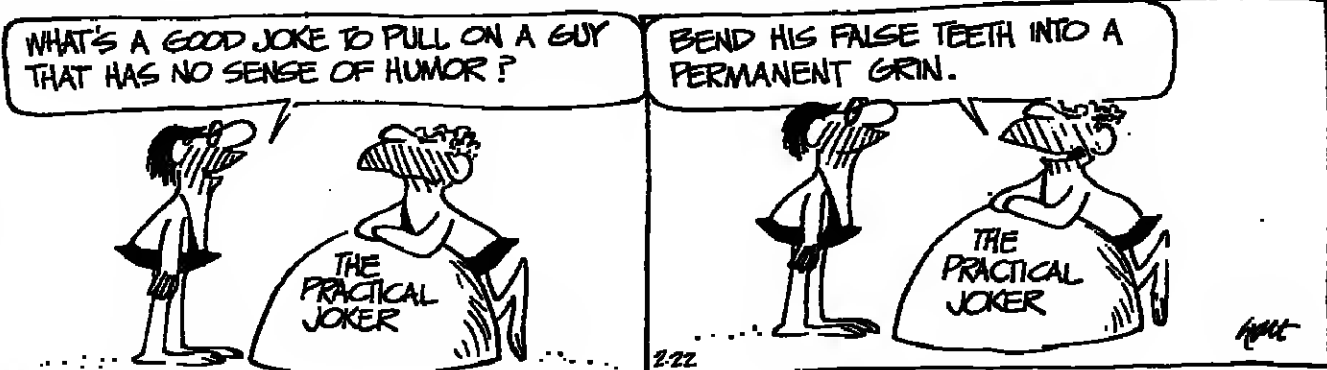
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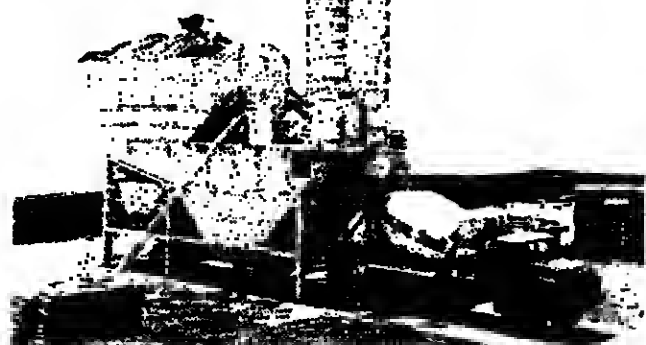
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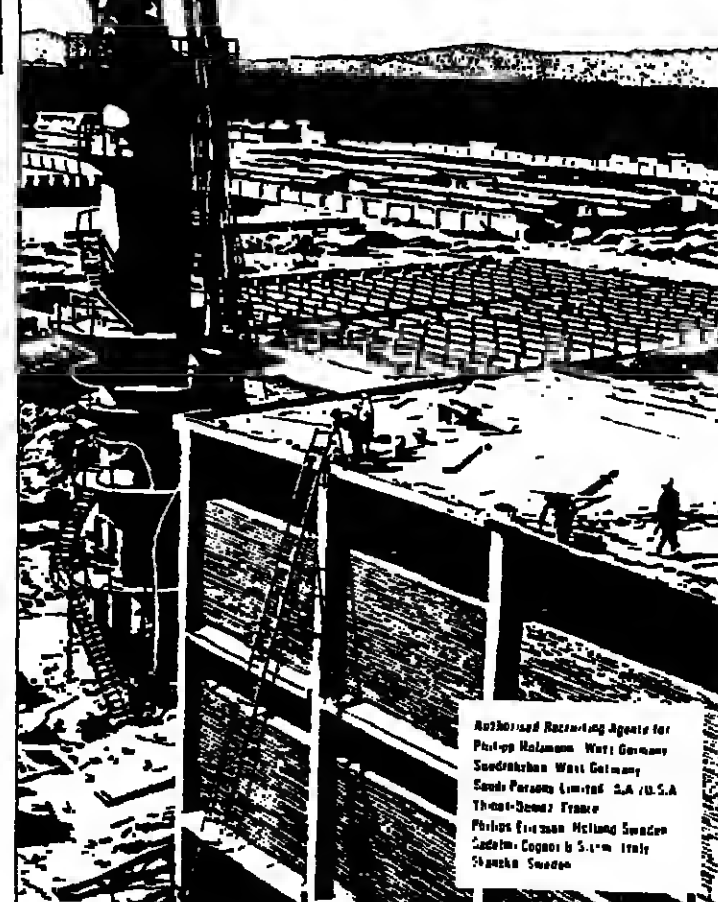


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International

If China withdraws

## Hanoi agrees to negotiate

BANGKOK, March 21 (AP) — Vietnam announced Wednesday that it was ready to begin negotiations to normalize relations with China on March 29 if Chinese troops withdrew completely from its territory by March 28.

A Voice of Vietnam broadcast said a Foreign Ministry note was handed to the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi Wednesday proposing that the talks be held alternately in Hanoi and Peking with the first round taking place in the Vietnamese capital.

The note and a Vietnamese Foreign Ministry statement, also issued Wednesday, denounced China for continuing to occupy "many areas of Vietnamese territory" and not carrying out its promise to pull out its troops from Vietnamese soil.

The Chinese government Monday proposed March 28 as the starting date for peace talks, saying the talks be at the vice-foreign minister level and rotate between Hanoi and Peking.

The two sides, therefore, appeared to have no announced differences on the talks except the crucial question of Chinese troops still in Vietnam.

The Foreign Ministry note said if Chinese troops continued to occupy Vietnamese territory Vietnam would exercise its "legitimate right of self-defense." It also accused China of "not acting as it said," of "obstructing" the peace talks and using its proposal for negotiations as a "trick" to hide its occupation of Vietnamese soil.

The Vietnam news agency, quoting the Foreign Ministry statement, said that as of March 18 more than 10,000 Chinese soldiers remained in areas and at 16 points in the frontier provinces of Lang Son, Cao Bang, Ha Tuyen, Hoang Lien Son and Lai Chau.

## Labor's fate hangs on statement today

LONDON, March 21 (R) — Prime Minister James Callaghan Thursday makes a major parliamentary statement that may decide the fate of his government.

The timing of the next general election hinges on political reaction to his long-awaited announcement of administration plans on the volatile issue of Scottish Home rule.

Bickering opposition parties are talking of briefly uniting to vote the minority government out of office and send Britain into a spring election.

Callaghan, whose party is trailing badly in opinion polls, is playing for time and has already delayed his statement by weeks.

Thursday should show if he can hold on much longer, or whether Conservative opposition leader Margaret Thatcher can finally engineer his downfall. She has failed in past attempts — sometimes by embarrassingly big margins — and does not want to try again unless she has a real hope of success.

Her chances look better now, but they may well rest on the votes of the 12 Ulster Unionists — Northern Ireland Protestants — who are not even united among themselves.

The combined votes of the Conservatives (281 seats), Liberals (13), Scottish and Welsh nationalists (14) and Unionists would produce a 318-310 victory over Callaghan's forces.

The prime minister's dilemma arises from the March 1 referendums offering Scots and the Welsh more home rule. The Welsh rejected the proposals overwhelmingly but the Scots accepted them by a tiny majority.

That majority — 32.9 per cent

## Bombs shatter three offices in Italian city

MILAN, March 21 (AP) — Terrorists blew up three different offices of a government housing agency in Milan, shattering windows of nearby apartments and damaging parked cars, police reported Wednesday.

The overnight raid was not claimed. But authorities believed it was the work of Armed Groups for Counterpower, a leftwing terrorist organization which had claimed two attempted bombings against the same offices last week.

The Milan bombings followed by a few hours the assassination of the editor of a political weekly in Rome.

The murder of Mino Pecorelli, shot at the wheel of his car, was attributed by an anonymous woman caller to "Nuovo Nucleo Anarchico" (New Anarchist Nucleus), a label with no previous record in the Italian terrorist scene.

Authorities expressed doubts about the authenticity of the claim.

of the electorate — fell short of the approval of 40 per cent set by Parliament.

Scottish Nationalists have said that unless Callaghan goes ahead with the plan for a Scottish assembly in Edinburgh it will initiate a no-confidence motion.

Although she opposes the home rule proposals, Mrs. Thatcher has indicated she will back any attempt that may overthrow the government, which must anyway hold an election by Nov. 15.

The statement said that in Lang Son province two Chinese regiments were stationed 10 to 20 kilometers inside Vietnamese territory and that in other areas Peking's soldiers had moved border markers deep inside Vietnam.

The note proposing negotiations indicated that Vietnam was still accusing Chinese troops of remaining on Vietnamese soil as of Wednesday.

China had earlier indicated that there were disputed areas along the frontier.

Reliable sources in Bangkok say that the Chinese are still holding some areas in the immediate frontier region previously in Vietnamese hands, especially hilltops that afford good control over border crossing points.

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PARIS ELEGANCE: President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing hosts the meeting of the European Trade-Union Confederation earlier this month. From left to right are Edmond Maire of France, Mathias Hinterscheid, general secretary of the European Confederation, Mr. Vetter, of Germany, an interpreter and Andre Bergeron of France. (AP photo)

## In Bahamas today

## EEC to meet poor nations on trade

BRUSSELS, March 21 (R) — Ministers from the Common Market countries and 57 developing nations meet in the Bahamas Thursday to set the major outlines of a new trade and aid pact between them.

It will replace the five-year Lome Convention, which runs out in March 1980. Though no detailed agreements can be expected this week, important decisions of principle could be reached.

The 57 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries want the community to extend its scheme to stabilize export earnings (Stabex) to new products such as copper. At present it covers iron and certain agricultural produce.

The nine Common Market countries want to link the new pact, usually dubbed "Lome II", with respect for human rights, perhaps referring to existing international agreements outlawing the use of forced labor.

This issue has raised the hackles of many developing countries, who fear the Nine could use it to seek to interfere in their internal affairs.

It became especially controversial in 1977 when President Idi Amin's Uganda received Stabex payments, and there was no way of checking whether the money benefited those who most directly suffered from the loss of export earnings on tea and cotton.

The developing countries want to add such items as rubber, fruit and fish to the products covered by Stabex, as well as six new minerals — copper, phosphates, manganese, bromium, granite and hauxite.

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## Owambo tribal leader, wife killed in Namibia

WINDHOEK, Namibia, March 21 (AP) — A tribal headman and his wife were shot dead in their village in the northern part of Namibia (South-West Africa), the South African defense force here said Wednesday.

A spokesman for the South-West Africa command said black nationalist guerrillas armed with sub-machineguns attacked the couple early Monday, and then set fire to the village.

There was no statement from the South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), a guerrilla group fighting for independence of the mineral-rich territory. South Africa administers the territory, which is scheduled to have elections leading to independence later in the year.

The victims were identified as senior headman Paulus Shaniika, a member of the Owambo Legislative Council, and his wife, Johanna, the defense force said.

stabilize export earnings (Stabex) to new products such as copper. At present it covers iron and certain agricultural produce.

The nine Common Market countries want to link the new pact, usually dubbed "Lome II", with respect for human rights, perhaps referring to existing international agreements outlawing the use of forced labor.

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## Ailing Indian politician revives after coronary

BOMBAY, March 21 (AP) — Doctors said ailing Indian elder statesman Jayaprakash Narayan was revived Tuesday evening after his heart stopped briefly, the United News of India reported.

All doctors on emergency duty were summoned to attend to the 76-year-old Narayan, a respected follower of the late independence leader Mahatma Gandhi. Narayan led the ruling Janata Party to a spectacular victory over former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's forces in the March 1977 general election.

"Hope for the best and prepare for any eventuality," Janata Party President Chandra Shekhar said.

Narayan, a kidney patient, suffered bleeding early Sunday during dialysis and was flown in a special Indian Air Force plane from Patna, eastern India, to Bombay the next day.

Narayan has held no official party or government post since he renounced politics 20 years ago. But in 1974 he launched a campaign against "corruption and money power" in official circles which drew thousands of young Indians to his side and shook Mrs. Gandhi's regime.

In June 1975, Narayan and other opposition leaders, including Morarji Desai, the present prime minister, were arrested when Mrs. Gandhi proclaimed a state of emergency and ordered a crackdown on her political opponents.

Narayan has been suffering from kidney trouble since his imprisonment. He has been on an artificial kidney machine thrice a week following surgery in the United States two years ago.

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reporter's question on Lebanon's attitude towards the Egyptian-Israeli peace moves.

"We consider that the Palestine question is the essence of the problem," Dr. Hoss said. "Any solution that does not impose the Palestinians' right to their territory and seeks their resettlement overtly or implicitly cannot bring peace and stability to the Middle East."

Foreign Minister Fuad Butros told reporters he would attend the two meetings called by Iraq for next week in Baghdad.

Qatar Monday said any Middle

East agreement in which all parties concerned are not represented could not achieve a permanent and just settlement in the region.

A statement by Qatar Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Ahmad bin Seif Al-Thani added that a comprehensive Middle East settlement should be based on Israel's withdrawal from all territories it occupied in 1967, including Jerusalem, and guaranteeing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Qatar also called for joint efforts by Arab and Muslim countries to bring back the Middle East

Peace

issue to the United Nations "the highest international authority which in its resolutions has reaffirmed the Arab rights and condemned Israeli aggression."

The Belgian government meanwhile felt "there will be no real peace in the Middle East until the Palestinian problem gets a satisfactory solution." Mochele Van Ussel, Belgian foreign affairs ministry spokesman said Wednesday at his weekly briefing.

Van Ussel said the attitude of the Belgian government remains that the United Nations Resolution 242 requesting that all occupied territory be evacuated, must be implemented.

The spokesman said Middle East experts of the nine European Community foreign affairs ministries were meeting in Paris for two

days, and added that if, as scheduled, the treaty is signed Monday, a joint EEC statement could be issued.

In Brussels U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher indicated Wednesday that some

of the tribes, and Abu Shawarab's appointment is seen as a reward for his help during the war.

Lt. Col. Muhammad Hamood Khamis was appointed minister of the interior to replace Col. Barati. Khamis is the former director general of national security and intelligence. His deputy minister will be Lt. Col. Muhammad Saleh Al Kohali.

The reshuffle, according to observers of Yemeni politics, appears to suggest an attempt at a general reconciliation in North

NATO allies would press their Arab friends not oppose the peace treaty.

Christopher met in the Belgian capital with the Atlantic Council, made of ambassadors to NATO of the 15 alliance members.

## North

Yemen, particularly between the tribal groups and the armed forces.

The government needs tribal supports, as well as the continued support from the military, many of whose members have tribal origins, the observers said.

They also noted that it would not be surprising if Sheikh Al Ahmar himself were invited to play a more active role in the government in the near future.

The reshuffle comes several days after Saleh announced an amnesty for all political prisoners in the country, many of them supporters of South Yemen. Since their release had been called for by the Aden government, the move may be an attempt to win favor with South Yemen.

## Fierce

Government troops landed on the island under the cover of darkness Monday, and organized a team to defeat the rebels.

In Geneva Wednesday, members of the Baha'i community said armed groups had taken over at least five major Baha'i centers in Iran on the orders of revolutionary committees.

Followers of the Baha'i sect, founded about one century ago in Iran, form the country's largest religious minority, totalling perhaps half a million, they said.

They said eight Baha'i members had been killed in Iran by violent crowds and over 300 private houses, dozens of shops and Baha'i-owned "business enterprises had been looted or burned down.

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